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§1. The following Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1883 has (with the exception of some alterations in the order of the subjects under The Code of Criminal Procedure rendered necessary by the new Act, X of 1882) been drawn up on the plan adopted in previous years. The appended statements are similar in form to those appended to the Report for the year 1882.

§2. With a view to obviate delay in the preparation of the High Court's Report, and in order to reduce correspondence with the subordinate Courts upon the subject of discrepancies in their statements, the returns of the Sessions Courts have, during the present year, as an experimental measure, been submitted through the District Magistrates. The information in the Sessions statements has been embodied in the Magistrates' statements, and one set of returns has thus been substituted for the two sent to the High Court in former years. Although no considerable improvement has yet resulted from the change, it is hoped that the arrangement will, when local officials have become more accustomed to it, ensure the submission of more accurate statements.

Area and population. *Statement 1.*

§3. The total area and population of the province remain unchanged, the apparent diminution of 23 square miles and 251,439 persons being due to a recent revision of the census returns of the 24-Pergunnahs. During the year the sub-division of Bongong was transferred from the district of Nuddea to that of Jessore, and certain villages formerly included in Midnapore were annexed to Hooghly. These transfers have affected merely the areas and populations of these districts. The number of Sessions divisions, including Calcutta, and of the districts and sub-divisions comprised within these divisions, remained unchanged.

Judicial Divisions.

For reasons stated in previous years, the Sonthal Pergunnahs are excluded from the present report.

I.—CRIMINAL COURTS.

Presidency Magistrates, Sessions Judges, and District Magistrates.

§4. The number of Stipendiary and Honorary Magistrates at the Presidency, and of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates outside the Presidency Town, remained unchanged.

District Magistrates with special powers under section 34, C. P. C.

The officers vested with the special powers described in section 34 of The Code of Criminal Procedure are the Deputy Commissioners of Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, Manbhoom, Julpaiguri, Singbhoom, and Darjeeling. Of these the first four only exercised these powers during the year under review.

Magistrates of all grades.

Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Magistrates (Stipendiary or Honorary) in Calcutta, the total numbers of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1882 and 1883, respectively, were :—

	1882.	1883.
Stipendiary	376	371
Honorary	1,239	1,314

Of the Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of the year, 233 exercised powers of the *First* class, and 71 and 67 *Second* and *Third* class powers respectively.

Benches of Magistrates.

§5. The total number of Benches of Magistrates, constituted under Section 15 of The Code of Criminal Procedure, remained the same. Two Benches were abolished in each of the districts of Bhagulpore, Monghyr, and Mozufferpore, and one each in Howrah and the 24-Pergunnahs, but on the other hand two new Benches were constituted in Khulna, and one in each of the districts of Burdwan, Jessore, Mymensingh, Patna, Rajshahye, and Shahabad. No Benches have yet been constituted in Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, and Manbhoom. The District Magistrates of Bhagulpore, Dacca, and Darjeeling report favourably on the working of the Bench system. In Midnapore there was during the year under notice an improvement in the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates, in consequence apparently of the action taken by the District Magistrate and mentioned in the Report for 1882. The Honorary Magistrates attached to the Hooghly, Serampore, and Jehanabad Benches are reported to display, with few exceptions, great interest in the proper discharge of their duties, although their attendance is less regular than could be wished. With a view to correct this defect the District Magistrate has ordered all the Benches to keep a register of the attendance of Honorary Magistrates. The difficulties that were felt in Cuttack in 1882 in the disposal of cases by the Bench of that district have been removed during the past year, the salaried Magistrate presiding having been invested with *First* class powers, and thus empowered to decide cases with the assistance of one Honorary Magistrate. In Burdwan, Chumparun, Durbhanga, and Moorshedabad the Bench system is reported not to have worked well in consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates. The District Magistrate of Durbhanga reports that the Honorary Magistrates, who are too few to sit regularly, take little interest in their work. The District Magistrate of Monghyr reports that none of the Honorary Magistrates attached to the Shaikhpura Bench are acquainted either with the English language or with the High Court's General Rules, and that the Honorary Magistrates attached to the Jamalpore Municipal Bench, although knowing English, have displayed a want of knowledge of The Code of Criminal Procedure. Their attention has been drawn to the necessity for improvement in this respect.

In Calcutta Benches consisting of two or three Honorary Magistrates, without a Stipendiary Magistrate, held sittings for the trial of criminal cases on fixed days during each week.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

§6. Tables A and B show the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during the years 1882 and 1883. The general results were as follow :—

	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial.
1882	252,775	214,299	142,378
1883	257,248	217,843	150,208

An increase in the number of reported cases occurred in all classes of crimes except offences against the public tranquillity[1] and offences affecting the human body.[2] Under the last mentioned head there was an observable decrease. The increase is most remarkable in respect of offences under special and local laws, offences affecting public health, &c., and religion,[3] and miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code.[4]

[1] Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code.
[2] Chapter XVI.
[3] Chapters XIV and XV.
[4] Chapters XVIII to XXII.

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In the following districts there was an observable increase of crime :—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
24-Pergunnahs	16,774	18,006	14,207	15,918
Patna	9,850	10,693	9,108	10,128
Mymensingh	11,698	12,353	8,743	9,628
Durbhanga	3,896	4,701	3,510	4,358
Bhagulpore	4,672	5,411	3,695	4,541
Khulna	2,541	3,385	2,221	2,760
Sarun	5,196	5,990	3,746	4,268
Bankura	1,627	2,215	1,384	1,892
Burdwan	5,437	6,293	4,643	5,119

In the following districts, on the other hand, there was a decrease :—

	Offences reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Tipperah	8,794	7,501	7,547	5,831
Shahabad	6,671	5,230	5,320	4,221
Pubna	3,864	3,389	3,256	2,492
Nuddea	6,903	6,117	5,488	4,803
Gya	6,909	6,325	6,324	5,642
Monghyr	4,882	4,254	4,480	3,839
Midnapore	7,996	7,985	6,883	6,401
Moorshedabad	5,877	5,637	5,470	4,995
Manbhoom	2,885	2,552	2,145	1,702

The increase of crime in Bhagulpore, which was chiefly under the head of offences against property and during the last two or three months of the year, is ascribed to the distress consequent on the partial (and in some places total) failure of the rice crops and on the partial failure of the *rubbee* crops. The scarcity in the past year is also said to have caused an increase in the number of offences under Chapters VIII, XVII, and XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code in Burdwan, where the criminal population of the District, chiefly drawn from the lower classes, betook themselves to crime in the absence of sufficient agricultural occupation during the cultivating season. In Jessore, the decrease of crime is ascribed to an improvement in the habits of the people, who are said to show a growing tendency to seek legal rather than violent redress for injuries. To compare the state of the district fairly with its condition in the previous year, it is necessary to exclude the figures for the Bongong sub-division, which were exhibited in the returns up to 1882. If this be done the decrease becomes very noticeable. The Sessions Judge also notices a total absence of agrarian crime, such as serious rioting accompanied with homicide, and states his opinion that the inhabitants of the district generally appear to have abstained from determining land disputes by an appeal to the *lathi*. A decrease in reported offences in Cuttack is ascribed to the abundant harvests of the preceding year and the consequent cheapness of food grains. The increase of crime, and especially of theft and riot cases, in Patna is in part attributed by the Sessions Judge to disputes about water for irrigation purposes, the supply being less than usual in consequence of a scanty rainfall. The apparent falling off of crime in Nuddea was really due to the transfer to Jessore of the Bongong sub-division. The remarkable decrease in Tipperah as regards cases of criminal force and other offences affecting the human body is ascribed to the exercise by the Magistrates of better discretion in the accepting of petty charges of simple assault. This decrease has been accompanied by an increase

in the number of complaints rejected or struck off as false. A similar decrease observable in respect of offences against property is attributed by the District Magistrate to the rejection of a number of complaints involving questions of civil right. The reduction both in the number of cases reported and of those declared true in Beerbhum indicate in the District Magistrates opinion a real diminution of crime. This diminution is in all probability correctly attributed to the special measures taken for the repression of crime during the past few years. In Chittagong a careful examination of petitioners before issue of process is said to be the cause of the decrease in cases under the Penal Code. The marked decrease in this district of the crime of mischief by fire is satisfactory. The increase of offences against public safety is said to be due to the activity of the Police in suppressing dangerous obstructions in some of the navigable rivers. In Purneah, notwithstanding the poverty of the crops, a very slight increase took place in the true cases.

Rejected complaints and false cases.

§7. The number of complaints dismissed and of cases struck off as false was 39,405, or 15·3 per cent. of the total number of offences reported, in 1883, as compared with 38,476 or 15·2 per cent. rejected or struck off in 1882. In the following statement complaints dismissed under section 203 of The Criminal Procedure Code are distinguished from complaints formally decided to be false:—

	Complaints dismissed.	Cases decided to be false.
1882	26,000	12,476
1883	27,556	11,849

The number of complaints summarily dismissed consequently increased, while that of cases struck off as false declined. The increase under the former head was most marked in Midnapore, Burdwan, Tipperah, Furreedpore, and Hazareebagh. An observable decrease took place in Howrah, Jessore, and Chittagong. The increase in Midnapore and Tipperah is stated to be the result of the discretion exercised in the examination of complainants before issue of process. A decrease of 85 in Chumparun in the number of cases summarily dismissed is considered by the District Magistrate to show that the people have realized that it is not always safe to bring groundless charges against persons with whom they are not on friendly terms.

The decline in the number of cases struck off as false occurred chiefly in the 24-Pergunnahs, Furreedpore, and Dacca. In Rungpore, Pubna, and Sarun on the other hand there was an observable increase.

Class I.

Six offences under Chapter VI or VII of the Indian Penal Code (offences against the State, or relating to the Army or Navy) were reported in the past as against two in the previous year. Of these, 5 were accepted as true; but in 2 only the accused were brought to trial, and both cases resulted in acquittals. The committal in one case of an Arab, who was sent for trial by the officer commanding the 6th Bengal Cavalry at Segowli for preaching sedition to the troops, was quashed by the High Court on the ground that the sanction of the Local Government had not been obtained to the prosecution, and that the record disclosed no offence against the accused.

Class II.

§ 8. Offences against the public tranquillity under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code remained practically stationary.

Offences of this class were most prevalent in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Mymensingh	287	263	389	389
Dacca	120	194	351	486
Pubna	113	118	239	282
Furreedpore	127	103	289	356
Backergunge	149	102	355	279
Tipperah	118	102	332	342

In Jessore, where the greatest improvement is shown, the decrease is said to be due to the regular enrolment of special constables to preserve the peace when any disturbance on a large scale is apprehended. Backergunge also showed some improvement. A marked increase in this class of cases, which took place in Dacca and Bogra, is attributed to petty disputes between rival zemindars and between zemindars and their raiyats. In Chumparun, a slight

decrease occurred notwithstanding the strained relations subsisting between some of the rival zemindars of the district during the greater portion of the year, and it is said that an increase was only prevented by the effective measures adopted to suppress unlawful assemblies and riots.

§9. Offences by or relating to public servants (Chapters IX and X of the Penal Code) increased from 4,927 in 1882 to 5,192 in 1883, and were most frequent in the following districts:— Class III.

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Mymensing	315	606	358	530
Furreedpore	228	502	303	733
Midnapore	237	230	261	221
Dacca	251	208	286	218
Jessore	199	206	227	292
Gya	160	194	92	259
Nuddea	168	190	120	189

The number of cases of this class returned as true increased considerably in Mymensingh, Furreedpore, and Sarun, while on the other hand there was a sensible decrease in Dinagepore, the 24-Pergunnahs, Manbhoom, and Burdwan. In Mymensingh and Furreedpore a large number of prosecutions was instituted in order to put a stop to disobedience of process, which had become so common as seriously to impede the administration of justice. In Furreedpore, there is too much reason to believe that disobedience to orders, summons, &c., had in previous years been regarded by some of the Deputy Magistrates as affording a kind of excuse for constant postponements. The present Magistrate has devoted attention to securing a more prompt and efficient administration of Criminal Justice.

§10. The number of prosecutions for offences against public justice and for giving false evidence, under Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,312 in the past as compared with 3,110 in the previous year. The increase occurred chiefly in the following districts:— Class IV.

	Cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882	1883.
Sarun	43	122	40	85
Mymensingh	126	168	77	115
Dacca	164	202	59	130
Tipperah	79	111	47	117
Rungpore	71	101	59	69

Large numbers of prosecutions for these offences were instituted in the districts of Mymensingh and Midnapore. In Rungpore it is said that nearly every C. Form (False) submitted by the Police has been taken up and enquired into judicially, and that whenever the Magistrate holding the judicial enquiry has reported a *primâ facie* case of false charge against the complainant a prosecution has followed.

No reasons have been assigned for the decrease in prosecution for offences of this class in some districts. The Magistrate of Pubna reports that good use has been made of the rule of the new Criminal Procedure Code, under which it is compulsory on parties to give true answers to questions put by investigating Police officers, and that prosecutions for giving false evidence have been more successful in that district than heretofore.

§11. The number of offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures under Chapters XII and XIII of the Penal Code was 492 in the past as compared with 440 in the previous year. The increase was most marked in the following districts:— Class V.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Midnapore	24	58	16	74
Rungpore	6	31	2	27
Dacca	8	29	7	69
Shahabad	6	18	2	9
Hooghly	8	21	6	16
Mymensingh	12	25	12	28

The large increase in the district of Midnapore is ascribed to increased activity in prosecuting persons using false weights and measures in the Sadr and Tamluk sub-divisions. The 24-Pergunnahs was the only district in which a considerable decrease in observable.

Class VI. §12. Reported offences under Chapters XIV and XV of The Indian Penal Code (offences affecting public health, &c., and religion) rose to 8,595 in the past as compared with 6,808 in the previous year. The following districts contributed most to the increase:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Calcutta	4,576	6,439	6,035	9,056
Jessore	102	173	132	94
Howrah	64	120	120	143
Dinagepore	14	61	15	60
Durbhanga	44	87	115	163
Furreedpore	33	75	40	75

A marked decrease is shown in the returns of the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
24-Pergunnahs	298	180	340	184
Darjeeling	145	42	142	45
Midnapore	159	75	173	100
Monghyr	121	42	270	78

Class VII. §13. The total number of reported offences affecting the human body, under Chapter XVI of The Penal Code, was 70,224 in the past as compared with 74,143 in the previous year. The principal decrease occurred in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Tipperah	3,693	2,252	1,020	863
Shahabad	2,515	1,258	671	466
Dacca	3,246	2,721	1,024	919
Furreedpore	2,879	2,379	707	553
Pubna	1,311	876	321	306
Gya	1,267	859	318	351
Midnapore	2,488	2,084	558	464

The District reports tend to show that the exclusion (in the new Code of Criminal Procedure) of simple hurt from the list of cognizable cases and the increasing reluctance of Magistrates to entertain frivolous and vexatious complaints were the chief causes of the general decline in offences of this class. In the Durbhanga district the want of rain led to an increase in cases of riot arising out of quarrels regarding irrigation channels.

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
19. Murder	295	306	155	142
21. Culpable homicide	219	223	144	163
30. Grievous hurt	702	868	593	720
31, 34. Simple hurt and assault	53,134	47,440	18,083	15,843
40. Rape	157	186	39	45

§14. The number of persons brought to trial on charges of murder was greatest in the following districts: Furreedpore, Mymensingh, Backergunge, Lohardugga, 24-Pergunnahs, Midnapore, Dacca, and Sarun. No cases of murder were tried at Chittagong and but few in Darjeeling, Maldah, and Singbhoom.

Class VIII. §15. The total number of offences against property under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code was 79,179 in the past as compared with 78,706 in the pre-

vious year. The following are the chief districts exhibiting an increase in crime of this description :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Mymensingh	3,047	3,762	1,018	1,072
Durbhanga	1,496	2,038	488	478
Jessore*	1,544	1,976	529	592
Dacca	1,511	1,829	822	874
Rungpore	1,089	1,385	448	545
Dinagepore	1,239	1,468	397	547

In the following districts a considerable decrease occurred :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Tipperah	2,440	2,029	652	590
Hazareebagh	1,405	994	639	622
Nuddea*	2,211	1,964	891	870
Gya	3,354	3,112	555	575
Furreedpore	1,774	1,545	394	388

The increase in crimes against property is attributed generally and apparently correctly to the high prices of food grains.

The District Magistrate observes regarding the increase in the offence of criminal trespass in the Hooghly District,—that this constitutes the only really serious form of crime which prevails to any extent in the Serampore Sub-division, and that its prevalence is due to the presence of a large number of coolies employed in the four jute mills in the sub-division, many of whom are bad characters who have found it convenient to emigrate from other districts. Some robberies have recently occurred in the houses of European mill employees, the suspicion of committing which falls on this class.

Details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class are given below :—

		Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
		1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
42, 43, 55.	Theft and receipt of stolen property	26,338	27,003	14,567	14,133
49—52.	Dacoity	155	138	162	201
44—48.	Robbery and extortion	1,061	1,121	281	330
61.	House trespass and burglary	14,883	14,934	2,273	1,922

The decline in the number of cases of dacoity is satisfactory, especially when considered with the evidence of the increased success of the Police in bringing dacoits to justice afforded by the increase in the number of persons convicted.

§16. The total number of cases under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code, relating to documents, trade or property marks, breaches of contract of service, marriage, defamation and criminal intimidation, and insult or annoyance, was 8,515 in the past as compared with 7,712 in the previous year. The following districts show an increase in crime under this class :— Class IX.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Furreedpore	119	265	13	10
24-Pergunnahs	846	947	560	643
Midnapore	230	316	50	48
Howrah	103	156	30	20
Backergunge	171	221	15	29
Dacca	245	287	45	35
Burdwan	96	136	21	28

* The area of Jessore was considerably enlarged and that of Nuddea lessened during the year 1883 by the transfer to the former district of the Bongong Sub-division.

A considerable decrease in cases returned as true is observable in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Dinagepore	143	35	4	8
Pubna	132	68	14	13
Chittagong	133	59	29	15

The number of persons convicted in all the districts where these offences are most rife is very small, the 24-Pergunnahs alone being excepted. In respect of most acts which constitute offences under this chapter, the aggrieved parties have a remedy in the Civil Court, but in the majority of cases a resort to the criminal law is preferred. This is especially the case as regards offences relating to marriage, which are most common among Muhammadans. In these cases, and in the absence of an entry in a Marriage Register, it is exceedingly difficult to prove the *factum* of a marriage with the degree of certainty necessarily required in a criminal case. The Muhammadan community do not generally avail themselves of the facility afforded by the Legislature for the registration of their marriages.

Class X.

§17. The total number of offences against Special Laws was 78,864 in the past year as compared with 74,055 in 1882. The districts which contributed most towards this increase are given below:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
24-Pergunnahs	5,142	6,906	5,993	7,250
Calcutta	20,158	21,349	18,131	21,128
Patna	5,763	6,642	5,970	6,658
Bhagulpore	1,590	2,199	1,368	1,883
Burdwan	1,559	2,036	1,636	1,938
Bankura	141	528	162	572
Furreedpore	1,034	1,337	1,622	3,348

In the following districts there was a noticeable decrease in respect of offences against Special Laws, both as regards true cases and persons convicted:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Monghyr	1,914	1,226	1,705	1,052
Howrah	3,856	3,202	3,812	3,079
Cuttack	1,202	886	1,938	1,406
Nuddea	1,182	947	922	797
Chittagong	957	728	1,068	553

Details of offences under some of the more important Special Laws are given below:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Cattle Trespass Act	6,576	6,518	1,850	1,566
Arms and Ammunition Act	1,328	1,100	1,281	1,068
Stamp Act	611	630	675	607
Excise, Salt and Opium Acts	4,791	5,050	4,686	4,683
District Police Act	17,251	19,666	19,651	21,037
Town Police Acts	4,569	5,658	5,952	7,674
Municipal Acts (Mufassal)	9,851	10,560	10,496	10,747

The increase in offences of this class which took place in the 24-Pergunnahs is more apparent than real, being chiefly due to an omission on the part of

the Deputy Magistrate of Scaldah to include offences against Municipal Laws in his returns for 1882. At the same time the opening of new lines of railway, the extension of special laws to new places, and other causes tended also to increase the number of such offences. The establishment of several additional pounds and the greater activity and vigilance shown by the Police account for the increase in Burdwan, which was mainly in respect of infringements of the Cattle Trespass and Police Acts. In Bankura, a large number of cases took place under the Stamp Act, some 100 cases being instituted against one person alone in respect of the various accounts of his debtors recorded in a *kháta*. There was an increase in Noakhally of cases arising from breach of the Salt Laws.

Results of trials in all Courts. *Table A1 and B1*

§18. The following table shows that the general results of criminal trials remained practically stationary during the past two years:—

	1882.	1883.
Acquitted and discharged	66,293	70,450
Convicted	141,901	149,752
Percentage convicted	68·1	68·

Taking each class of offence separately, the proportion of convictions to cases was lower than in 1882 in respect of offences under Chapters VIII, IX, X, XVI, XVII, and XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code; and higher in respect of offences under Chapters XI, XIV, and XV of the Code. As regards offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII, Singhbhoom and the 24-Pergunnahs are the only districts in which prosecutions of this class were for the most part successful. The proportion was remarkably low in Mymensingh, Furreedpore, Tipperah, Howrah, and Monghyr.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges was lowest in Calcutta (8·5 per cent.), Darjeeling (17·1 per cent.), and Singhbhoom (21·7 per cent.); and highest in Jessore (48·7 per cent.), Midnapore (48·5 per cent.), Monghyr and Khulna (45·6 per cent.), and Moorshedabad and Mymensingh (45·1 per cent.)

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. *Statement 3 and Table F.*

§19. The number of recusant witnesses against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter VIc, and section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was 49 in the past as compared with 38 in the previous year. Of these, 40 were convicted. Proceedings under this section were instituted in 12 districts only.

Chapter VIc and Section 485. Chapter VIII. (1) Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace.

§20. The number of persons against whom proceedings were taken in each of the years 1882 and 1883, under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (relating to the prevention of breaches of the peace), is given in the following table:—

	1882.	1883.	Remarks.
Total number of cases on the files	2,764	3,489	
Total number of persons concerned	10,848	14,921	
Number of persons required to find sureties	3,010	3,957	
Number of persons required to give recognizance to keep the peace	4,931	7,172	

Of the 11,129 persons required to find sureties or to give recognizances to keep the peace, 720 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace. The provisions of this Chapter of the Code were, as in former years, freely applied in Backergunge and Furreedpore: In the former district the number of persons called upon to furnish security, or to give recognizances, was 4,961 in the past as compared with 3,907 in the previous year, while in Furreedpore the figures for 1882 and 1883 were respectively 1,553 and 3,060. Next to Backergunge and Furreedpore, the following Districts return the largest number of persons called upon to furnish security or to give

recognizance,—Khulna (433), Tipperah (319), Jessore (267), and Mymensingh (216). In Sarun, no person was required to give security or recognizance of this nature; and in Hazareebagh, Dinagepore, Singbhoom, Maldah, Darjeeling, Julpaiguri, and Lohardugga, the provisions of this Chapter of the Code were very sparingly applied.

(2) Security for good behaviour.

§21. The following statement shews the number of proceedings taken in each of the past two years under Chapter VIII of The Code of Criminal Procedure (Security for good behaviour):—

	1882.	1883.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,106	1,095
Total number of persons concerned	1,194	1,159
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour	793	744
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour	670	611

The proportion of persons who failed to give security when required to do so was 82·1 per cent. in the past as compared with 84·4 per cent. in the previous year.

Of the 611 persons imprisoned in default of security, 15 were committed to jail for periods not exceeding three years by order of the Courts of Session under section 123 of the Code.

The largest number of persons who gave security for good behaviour were in Sarun, Backergunge, Gya, and Shahabad. The smallest number is returned from Beerbhum, Balasore, Calcutta, and Tipperah, while in Chittagong, Cuttack, Puri, and Singbhoom, it was not found necessary during the year to resort to these measures of prevention.

Chapter X. Nuisance.

§22. Proceedings for the suppression of nuisances (Chapter X of The Code of Criminal Procedure) were taken in 462 cases. The following districts returned the largest number:—Hooghly (116), Tipperah (58), Burdwan (55), and 24-Pergunnahs (53). The orders passed were in favour of 277 and adverse to 907 of the defendants. The corresponding figures for 1882 were 305 and 1,298. In 40 cases referred under section 138 of the Code, the Jury confirmed the orders of the Magistrate or modified them very slightly.

Chapter XII. Possession cases.

§23. Three hundred and ninety-one cases regarding possession of land (Chapter XII of The Code of Criminal Procedure) were decided by Magistrates during the past year as compared with 409 cases in 1882. Cases of this nature were most frequent in Mozufferpore, Shahabad, Jessore, Julpaiguri, Patna, and Tipperah. No such cases occurred in Cuttack, Dinagepore, Noakhally, Bogra, Maldah, Chumparun, Singbhoom, and Calcutta.

Section 250, Chapter XX.

§24. The number of persons whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious was 979 in the past as compared with 1,069 in the previous year. The amount of compensation awarded to accused parties was Rs. 8,897-8 in 1883 as compared with Rs. 11,441-8 in 1882. As nearly as possible one-third of the orders awarding compensation to accused persons were passed in Calcutta, Dacca, Shahabad, and Mymensingh. In Maldah and Singhbhoom no such awards were made, while in Dinagepore, Hooghly, Darjeeling, Beerbhum, and Julpaiguri they were very rare.

Chapter XXIII, Section 332.

§25. Thirty-eight jurors and assessors rendered themselves liable to fine for non-attendance in 7 districts (section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure). Of these only 10 were fined. More than two-thirds of the cases of this nature occurred in Mymensingh.

Chapter XXXV.

§26. Under the provisions of Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to contempts of Court, 212 persons were summarily convicted in 1883 as compared with 239 in 1882. These cases were most numerous in Dacca (23), and Backergunge and Sarun (22 in each). No such cases occurred in Bankura, Calcutta, Dinagepore, Hooghly, Puri, Rajshahye, and Singbhoom.

Chapter XXXVI. Maintenance cases.

§27. Proceedings were taken under Chapter XXXVI of The Code of Criminal Procedure against 926 persons, against 475 of whom maintenance

orders were made. The districts in which the largest number of such cases occurred are, as in 1882, Calcutta (222), 24-Pergunnahs (86), Midnapore (55), Burdwan (43), Hooghly (42).

§28. Orders for the forfeiture of bail or recognizance were passed in the cases of 1,350 persons in 1883 as compared with 1,443 persons in the previous year. Such orders were most numerous in Mymensingh (99), Pubna (82), Puri (74), Backergunge (62), and Calcutta (60). On the other hand, they were very rare in Bankura, Hazareebagh, and Mozufferpore. No such orders were passed in Beerbhum and Singbhoom. Chapter XLII

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

§29. Including five cases pending at the close of 1882, there were 66 cases on the files of the High Court in the exercise of its Original jurisdiction during the year 1883. Of these 62 were tried, and 4 remained pending at the close of the year. Besides the above, two cases relating to European British subjects were committed for trial, one from Barh in the District of Patna, and the other from Port Blair. In one of these cases the accused was acquitted, and in the other he was convicted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for a term of 7 years. Including these two persons, 86 persons were concerned in the 68 cases on the files of the Court. Of these, 66 were convicted and 16 acquitted or discharged. The number of witnesses examined was 486, and the average duration of the cases decided was 27 days. The number of witnesses examined in 1882 was 435, and the average duration of the 66 cases decided in that year was 30.3 days. Original Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

§30. The following statement shows the number of cases committed or referred, under section 31, 34, or 123 of The Code of Criminal Procedure, to the Courts of Session, as well as the number decided by such Courts during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining untried at the close of each of these years respectively :— Number of Commitments. *Table E.*

	Committed for trial.	Tried.	Untried (pending).
1882	1,552	1,585	191
1883	1,522	1,481	220

The variations in the figures of the past two years as regards commitments were most marked in the following districts :—

	Increase.		Decrease.
Dinagepore . . .	27	Midnapore . . .	26
Sarun	27	Backergunge . . .	25
Bhagulpore . . .	16	Patna	20
Dacca	14	Mymensingh . . .	16
Purneah	11	Cuttack	13
Furreedpore . . .	10	Burdwan	12

The increase in the Court of Session at Sarun was chiefly in cases of rioting, and of theft with previous convictions. The addition of the Bongong sub-division to the Jessore district accounts almost entirely for the increase in that district during the year under notice. In the Sessions Division of Pubna and Bogra, Sessions cases increased from 38 in 1882 to 55 in 1883, partly in consequence of some old offenders being brought to justice and partly through want of due discretion on the part of the committing Officers.

Average duration of Cases.

§31. The average duration of cases decided by Courts of Session was 45·8 days in the past as compared with 45·3 in the previous year. The following are the Courts in which the greatest and the least delay occurred respectively:—

	Days. 1882.	Days. 1883		Days. 1882.	Days. 1883.
Hooghly	55·8	93·5	Jessore	46·	26·9
Durbhanga	50·2	81·2	Tipperah	31·8	28·1
Hazareebagh	58·9	77·4	Purneah	32·9	30·4
Burdwan	61·4	62·7	Patna	35·6	32·9
Maldah	82·	61·5	Cuttack	39·7	33·4
Chittagong	51·2	55·	Bogra	53·	33·6
Furreedpore	56·7	55·	Moorshedabad	28·6	33·9

The figures of the Court of Session at Hooghly have been considerably affected by the incorrect retention on the file of one accused who had escaped from jail after commitment, and whose case should therefore have been struck off. Excluding this case the average duration of cases at Hooghly was 56·9 days.

Number of persons under trial and results of trials.

Table G.

§32. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,119* in the past as compared with 3,344 in the previous year. More than 100 persons were under trial in each of the following Courts of Session:—

Remaining at the end of the previous year	388
Persons in whose cases a retrial was ordered	1
Persons received on commitment during 1883	2,724

Mymensingh	187
Midnapore	171
Dacca	159
24-Pergunnahs	154
Sarun	147
Jessore	140
Rungpore	138
Dinagepore	120
Gya	113
Backergunge	102

Mymensingh and Midnapore headed the list in 1882 also, during which year more than 100 persons were under trial in each of fourteen Courts.

Results of Trials.

§33. The following statement shows the results of trials in 1882 and 1883. As regards persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under sections 307 and 374 of The Code of Criminal Procedure, the result shewn is the final result in the High Court:—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1882	1,239	1,674	57·4
1883	1,153	1,538	57·1

Including the cases of those on whom sentence of death was passed, subject to confirmation by the High Court, 55·4 per cent. of the persons whose cases were decided in the past year were convicted by the Courts of Session. The following are the districts in which the largest or smallest proportion of convictions resulted:—

	Largest Percentage.		Smallest Percentage.
Cuttack	81·8	Chittagong	33·8
Bhagulpore	77·1	Durbhanga	39·6
Rajshahye	76·4	Furreedpore	40·6
Julpaiguri	73·6	Bogra	40·7
Mozufferpore	72·7	Midnapore	43·5
Gya	72·6	Backergunge	45·4
Jessore	70·2	Mymensingh	46·3

The Sessions Judge of Sarun, where the proportion of convictions was low, remarks that the failure of Sessions cases is often due to the improper commitment of cases owing to committing officers not fully weighing and considering the evidence before sending the case to the Sessions, and to the tendency of some Magistrates to shirk the responsibility of discharging an

* These figures include the double entry of 6 persons whose cases were transferred from one Court to another.

accused in a Sessions case. The Sessions Judge of Hooghly considers that the unwillingness of juries to convict, especially in cases of homicide, is increasing. In Backergunge the Sessions Judge complains of the frequency of commitments for murder in cases in which the only evidence against the prisoner is an entirely uncorroborated confession, or a confession confirmed only by the testimony of one or more self-styled accomplices. In the majority of these cases the Sessions Judge and assessors were convinced that the confessions had been improperly obtained, and finding no other confirmation of the evidence of the accomplices acquitted the accused. Regarding the results of Sessions trials at Mymensingh, where the proportion of convictions was only 46·3 per cent., the Sessions Judge observes:—

"This result is not satisfactory. It is attributable quite as much to the deplorable condition of the people morally and socially as to any defects in the administration. The Courts are thronged with false witnesses. The most serious crimes are the occasion of audacious falsehood on the part of the sufferers themselves and of all around them. False information is habitually given to the Police. If a crime has really been committed, the persons accused are not unfrequently innocent, and named in order to wreak some private spite. Numerous cases broke down during the past year owing to the prisoners retracting confessions on which the commitment was based, and owing to witnesses withdrawing the evidence given by them before the Magistrate and saying that their depositions were the result of torture and threats of torture by the Police or of constant harassment by them. In one case there seemed from the evidence of the Police Inspector himself to be reason to think that there might be some foundation for the complaints made, and the matter was brought to the notice of the District Magistrate. In another case the witness appeared to have been harassed by being made, day after day, to attend on the investigating Police officer who had stationed himself some miles away from the place of occurrence. But in the majority of cases the complaints made were, I think, absolutely without foundation. The form of lying referred to is a very clumsy one, resorted to usually by women. In nearly every case in which women deposed before me it was certain that they had perjured themselves, and in a very large proportion of cases they were prosecuted and convicted. But such prosecutions are of no effect for good and may possibly be productive of much evil, as a witness who had made false statements before the Police, or before the Magistrate, may think it safer to adhere to them at the trial than to risk a prosecution for perjury. Male witnesses lie not less freely than female ones, but they do so more circumspectly, and are more difficult to convict. False defences are habitually made, and there is no dearth of witnesses to support them. A system of tyranny prevails in the interior under which offences, real or imaginary, against caste rules are visited with social ostracism. The evil results of this system are reflected in the Courts where there are numerous false charges of rape and outraging female modesty, brought with a view to restore the ruined reputation of women, the sex among the lower orders being of the most abandoned character. The number of such cases which reach the Court of Session is fortunately small, but during the past year several were tried, with the natural result that the accused was acquitted. The latest case of this kind occurred last Sessions. In this, after committal, the complainant and his family burnt their home and fled, it is believed, to the Garo Hills, probably afraid of the result of prosecuting a false case. Under the circumstances explained the Police and the Criminal Courts of all grades labour under great difficulties. In particular the Police are exposed to all manner of false complaints, and it is not to be expected that under the circumstances an efficient class of officers should be attracted to the service. No remedy suggests itself for this state of affairs. Some good might result were the staff of Police officers and Magistrates attached to this district, doubled (when they would still be insufficient for the real requirements of the district), for cases would then be more promptly dealt with, the evidence would be more carefully collected and more thoroughly sifted. With the existing staff I do not think that more can be done than is done at present. Prosecutions for false complaints and giving false evidence are frequent, but in upwards of three million of people the effect is imperceptible. In cases of riot, especially those attended with murder, it seldom happens that the Police succeed in arresting the chief offenders at the time. A first trial is held of some who took a subordinate share in the transaction. At intervals of months, or sometimes years, other arrests are effected. The same witnesses are re-called again and again with the result that they confuse and contradict their previous statements, and the later cases break down in consequence. Not only are the ends of justice defeated, but much extra labour is imposed on the Courts. An increase in the Police force might help to remove this evil."

Number of Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

§34. The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Session was 10,865 during the past as compared with 11,284 in the previous year. Including witnesses who were not examined, the total number discharged was 17,503. The number of days during which the witnesses summoned were detained is shown in the margin. The districts in which the great-

		Percentage.
Discharged on the 1st day	7,418	42.4
" 2nd "	4,831	27·6
" 3rd "	2,164	12.3
After the 3rd day	3,090	17·7
	17,503	...

est number of witnesses were detained for more than three days were :—

Chittagong	371
Midnapur	340
Burdwan	183
Furreedpore	176
24-Pergunnahs	162
Hooghly	161

In the Sessions Courts of Dacca, Dinagepore, Darjeeling, Jessore, Khulna, Moorshedabad, Bogra, Rajshahye, Julpaiguri, Chumparun, and Mozufferpore all witnesses were discharged on or before the third day of their attendance. It is difficult for the District Magistrate, whose duty it is to summon the witnesses to ascertain accurately beforehand in all cases, the time required for the disposal of their cases and any miscalculation or the unexpected protraction of any one case may lead to the unavoidable detention of a considerable number of witnesses in the subsequent cases at the same Sessions.

Diet-money.

§35. The amount of diet-money, &c., paid to witnesses in the Courts of Session was Rs. 18,734 in the past as compared with Rs. 17,153 in the previous year. The districts in which the variation in the figures for the past two years is most noticeable are given below :—

DISTRICTS	Amount paid as Expenses.		Increase.	Districts.	Amount paid as Expenses.		Decrease.
	1882.	1883.			1882.	1883.	
	R	R	R		R	R	R
Chittagong	389	965	576	Pubna	896	257	639
24-Pergunnahs	1,326	1,843	517	Rajshahye	615	72	543
Midnapore	2,050	2,485	435	Patna	702	458	244
Bhagulpore	205	591	386	Puri	488	329	159
Sarun	158	479	321	Bogra	165	13	152

The increase, where it occurred, was generally due to the larger number of witnesses examined with the exception of Midnapore, where an increase in expenditure under this head was accompanied by a reduction in the number of witnesses.

Jury trials.
Statement 7.

§36. No alteration has been made during the past year in the system of trial by jury, either as regards the area or offences to which it has been extended. The number of trials by jury was 344 during the year under review as compared with 370 in the previous year. In the past year, the Sessions Judges approved the verdict of the jurors in 292 cases, wholly disapproved of it in 33 cases, and partially in 19 cases.

The following observations are made in the report of the Sessions Judge of Burdwan upon the working of the jury system in that district :—

"On referring to the returns of 1882, I find that out of a total of 38 cases, I disapproved of the verdict, wholly or partially, in nine cases, or nearly 25 per cent. In the past year, out of a total of 30, I disapproved, wholly or partially, of six only, a more favourable result. In one of these six cases I should, sitting singly, have been disposed to acquit, and in some others the verdicts were by no means unreasonable. The worst results are in culpable homicide or dacoity cases. In the latter class of cases, two of which I referred to the High Court under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, juries are, as a rule, sceptical of evidence connected with the discovery of stolen property, as they are inclined to consider such evidence the result of Police manipulation. They also almost invariably reject confessions in such cases as having been extorted by the same agency. It is difficult to say that these suspicions are not often too well founded. On the other hand, habitual criminals committed for offences against property are almost certain to be convicted. Notwithstanding the statutory provisions of section 310 of the new Code of Criminal Procedure, it is found practically impossible to keep from the jury the fact of the previous conviction, and this, as a rule, prejudices their minds against the accused. For this I cannot at present suggest any remedy. The utmost that can be done is to warn them against being prejudiced by what may have directly or indirectly come to their knowledge with regard to the previous history of the accused. Upon the whole, however, except in dacoity and, less noticeably, in culpable humicide cases, the jury system worked well during the past year."

Trial with assessors.

§37. The number of trials held with the aid of assessors was 996 in the past, as compared with 1,092 in the previous year. Sessions Judges concurred in the

opinions of assessors in 724 cases, differed from the opinion of one assessor in 108 cases, and from that of both assessors in 164 cases.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

§38. The statement given in the margin shows the number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past two years. These figures do not include cases instituted under section 347 of the Calcutta Municipal Act before Justices of the Peace, from whom no returns are received by the Court.

Number of cases brought to trial, determined and pending. *Table E.*

	1882.	1883.
Brought to trial	23,033	26,966
Determined	23,028	26,971
Pending	48	39

The figures in the margin show the relative number of cases decided respectively by Presidency Magistrates sitting singly and by Benches of Magistrates.

	Number of cases decided.	
	1882.	1883.
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly	16,420	19,051
By Benches of Magistrates	6,608	7,920

§39. The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 35,924 in the past as compared with 30,320 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons tried during the year under notice, 3,017 were acquitted; 32,769 were convicted; 5 died, escaped or were transferred; and 79 were committed to the Sessions.

Results of trial. *Table H.*

The results of trials before each class of tribunal during the year are shown below:—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Stipendiary Magistrates	1,701	25,683	93·7
Benches of Magistrates	1,316	7,086	84·3
TOTAL	3,017	32,769	91·5

VI.—COURTS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENCY TOWN.

§40. The number of cases brought to trial, and disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates in the Mufassil, during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining undisposed of at the close of each of these years respectively, was as follows:—

Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending, 1882 and 1883. *Table E.*

	Brought to trial	Disposed of.	Pending.
1882	119,547	118,944	2,982
1883	123,359	123,153	3,036

The following are the districts in which the chief increase or decrease occurred in the number of cases brought to trial:—

	Increase.			Decrease.	
	1882.	1883.		1882.	1883.
24-Pergunnahs	10,537	12,137	Monghyr	3,176	2,511
Patna	7,651	8,517	Howrah	5,339	4,844
Bhagulpore	2,711	3,325	Manbhoom	1,466	1,159
Sarun	2,365	2,895	Cuttack	2,643	2,379
Furreedpore	2,816	3,342	Jessore	3,262	3,003
Khulna	1,897	1,909	Shahabad	3,164	2,937
Bogra	1,104	1,488	Chittagong	1,942	1,716
Bankura	1,069	1,406	Nuddea	3,542	3,319
Mymensingh	4,589	4,915	Lohardugga	2,017	1,800

Notwithstanding a considerable increase in the number of cases decided the arrears were heavier at the close than at the commencement of the year. This increase was most marked in Jessore, Patna, and Midnapore.

Distribution of business. *See Statement 4.*

§41. The following statement shows the respective numbers of cases tried regularly and tried summarily by the Courts of the several grades during each of the past two years:—

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Special Magistrates	62	85	...	...
Honorary "	1,976	1,541	368	27
Stipendiary "	71,181	73,334	17,493	15,191
Benches of "	9,444	10,814	17,244	20.595
District "	600	739	406	697
TOTAL	83,263	86,513	35,511	36,510

References under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

Besides the cases so shown, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 130 cases referred to them by Subordinate Magistrates under sections 347 and 349 of The Code of Criminal Procedure. The corresponding number for 1882 was 170.

Amount of work done by District Magistrates.

§42. The number of criminal cases coming before District Magistrates in their judicial capacity during the past year shows a considerable increase as compared with the number for 1882:—

	Number of cases tried.	
	1882.	1883.
Cases referred under sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code	170	130
Cases dealt with under ordinary powers	983	1,419
Cases dealt with under special powers under section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	23	17
TOTAL	1,176	1,566

The largest numbers of cases tried by District Magistrates were in Mymensingh (165), Bhagulpore (108), and Singbhoom (130), while the Magistrates of Howrah, Puri, Patna, Bogra, Julpaiguri, Tipperah, and Durbhanga disposed on an average of more than one case in each week of the year. In Monghyr, Darjeeling, Nuddea, the 24-Pergunnahs, Cuttack, Midnapore, and Mozufferpore little or no original criminal work was done by the District Magistrate.

Cases dealt with under Section 84, Criminal Procedure Code.

Seventeen cases were decided by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts noted on the margin in exercise of the special powers conferred by section 34 of The Code of Criminal Procedure. Only one case was referred to the Sessions Court for confirmation of a sentence of imprisonment exceeding 3 years.

	Number of Cases.
Jalpaiguri	1
Hazaribagh	9
Lohardugga	5
Maubhoom	2

References under Section 123, Criminal Procedure ode.

To avoid undue complexity in the statements, cases submitted by Magistrates to the Court of Session for orders under section 123 of The Code of Criminal Procedure (security for good behaviour) are not now shown separately in the statements.

§43. The following table shows the average duration of cases decided during the past two years by the several classes of Magistrates:—

Average duration of cases.

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	
	1882.	1883.
Special and Honorary Magistrates	4·3	5·8
Benches of Magistrates	3·4	3·9
Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates	10·8	11·6
District Magistrates	7·2	7·6
All Magistrates in the interior	8·9	9·5

The districts in which, and the class of Magistrates before whom trials were conducted with the greatest expedition or otherwise are given below :—

DISTRICTS.	Special and Honorary Magistrates.		Benches of Magistrates.		Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates.		District Magistrates.	
	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26·8
Balasore	...	...	...	10·7	...	...	...	...
Bankura	...	...	...	...	6·5	...	...	...
Bogra	...	10·1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	1·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·2	...
Chumparun	...	...	...	...	6·9	...	1·	...
Dacca	1·1	...	...	...	...	15·1	·9	...
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	6·1	...	...	...
Dinagepore	...	...	...	10·	...	...	...	...
Gya	1·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	1·4	...	...	...	...	...	1·4	...
Julpaiguri	...	...	...	11·5	...	...	...	...
Khulna	...	...	...	18·5	...	18·	...	50·7
Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·8	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	17·4	...	...
Moorshedabad	1·3	...	...	...	...	...	1·	...
Mymensingh	...	19·1	...	...	...	19·6	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	1·5	...	...	...	1·	...
Patna	...	...	1·5	...	...	...	...	19·3
Pubna	...	...	...	...	...	16·8	...	...
Rajshahye	1·5	...	1·5	...	...	16·7	...	...
Shahabad	·6	...	...	...	...	...	1·6	...
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	6·4	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	16·6	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	1·8	...	...	...	...	...

§44. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the Districts was 190,266* in the past as compared with 183,688 in the previous year. On the margin details are given showing the manner in which the accused persons were brought to trial during 1883. On a reference to the corresponding figures for 1882, it will be observed that during the past year there was a considerable increase in the number of persons brought to trial on summons and on warrant.

Number of persons under trial. *Table H.*

Under arrest by police	84,138
Upon warrant	13,852
On summons	83,731
Voluntarily	3,165

Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred" and persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided during the past year was 181,635. Of these 115,379 or 63·5 per cent. were convicted, and 66,256 were acquitted or discharged. The variations in the percentages of convictions are shown in the following table :—

	Percentage convicted.		Percentage convicted.
Darjeeling	82·9	Jessore	50·7
Singbhoom	78·4	Midnapore	51·7
Patna	76·4	Khulna	54·3
Durbhanga	73·2	Monghyr	54·4
Furreedpore	72·7	Nuddea	54·7
Backergunge	72·6	Moorshedabad	54·8
Bhagulpore	71·7	Mymensingh	55·
Howrah	69·2	Rungpore	55·2

§45. The following statement shows the results of trials before the Magistrates of each class :—

Results of Trials.

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	40	161	80·1
Honorary "	782	1,374	63·7
Stipendiary "	54,304	84,036	60·7
Benches of "	10,401	28,123	73·
District "	729	1,685	69·8

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and double entries in some cases of, *e.g.*, persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment, persons transferred from one district to another, &c.

The proportion of convictions was greater than in 1882 in the Courts of all Magistrates other than Honorary and Stipendiary Magistrates.

The mode of trial and the nature of the sentences passed in the case of persons convicted is shown in the following table:—

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Sentence appealable	39,875	5,101
" not appealable	40,103	30,300

These figures show that of the persons convicted on summary trial, 14·4 per cent. and of those tried regularly 49·8 per cent. had the right of appeal. The corresponding figures for 1882 were 16·2 per cent. and 56· per cent.

The number of persons convicted on summary trial by the various classes of tribunals was as follows:—

Honorary Magistrates	25
Stipendiary "	15,339
Benches of "	19,344
District "	693
TOTAL	35,401

Details of persons awaiting trial. *Table I.*

§46. Excluding lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial before the Magistrates at the close of 1883 was 5,326. Details are given on the margin showing the manner in which the attendance of these persons was secured. Excluding the case of lunatics, the duration of the pending trials is thus shown:—

In custody	846
On bail	3,643
On recognizance	727
Otherwise	110

More than 6 months	3 persons.
" " 3 "	80 "
" " 2 "	171 "
" " 1 month	945 "
Not exceeding 1 "	4,127 "

As in previous years, the explanations submitted by Magistrates regarding the delay in the disposal of cases pending more than three months were considered by the High Court, and the necessary orders were communicated to the officers concerned.

§47. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates in the Districts was 394,290 in the past as compared with 394,756 in the previous year. The districts in which the greatest variations in the figures for the past two years occur are given below:—

	Increase.		Decrease.
Mymensingh	4,407	24-Pergunnahs	2,415
Rungpore	3,793	Nuddea	2,174
Rajshahye	1,838	Tipperah	2,116
Bhagulpore	1,623	Furreedpore	1,619
Sarun	1,395	Jessore	1,291
Khulna	1,122	Howrah	1,220
Puri	754	Midnapore	1,179
Lohardugga	708	Shahabad	1,178

Diet-money.

The amount paid to witnesses on account of their expenses was ₹20,928 during the year under review as compared with ₹17,398 in the previous year. The increase occurred principally in the districts of Hooghly, Chumparun, Sarun, and Balasore. Notwithstanding the fact that attention has frequently been called to the orders of Government regarding the payment of expenses to witnesses and complainants, many Magistrates have again failed to give effect to them.

Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

The number of days after which witnesses in the Magistrates' Courts were discharged is given in the margin. The largest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days in the districts of Backergunge (837), Bhagulpore (645), Midnapore (420), Furreedpore (409), Pubna (391), Tipperah (353), Durbhanga (347), Jessore (298), and Cuttack (207). The districts of Beerbhum, Burdwan,

Discharged on the 1st day	4,01,017
" " 2nd "	68,195
" " 3rd "	18,218
" after the 3rd "	5,331

Dinagepore, Rajshahye, Rungpore, and Sarun show favourably in this respect, no witnesses having been detained for more than three days. In general, however, the year under report compares very unfavourably with its predecessor in respect of the number of witnesses detained for three days and upwards, thus—

	Discharged on the 3rd day.	Discharged after the 3rd day.
1882	11,109	2,867
1883	18,218	5,331

The explanations submitted regarding the detention of witnesses for periods exceeding three days were, as in former years, considered by the High Court, and suitable observations made thereupon and communicated to those concerned.

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

§48. Of the persons convicted during the past year in trials held by the High Court on its Original Side, 8 were sentenced to transportation for life, 1 to transportation for a term, 1 to penal servitude, 54 to rigorous and 1 to simple imprisonment, and 1 to fine only. High Court. *Statement 5.*

Of the 54 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, 2 were sentenced for terms exceeding seven years, 47 for terms varying from two to seven years, and the remaining 5 to terms not exceeding two years. The sentence of simple imprisonment was for a term of fifteen days.

The amount of the fine imposed was R500. The amount of old and new fines realized during the year amounted to R600.

On the Appellate Side of the High Court, in cases referred under section 307 of The Code of Criminal Procedure, in consequence of the Sessions Judge dissenting from the verdict of the jury, 2 persons were sentenced to transportation for life and 18 to rigorous imprisonment for various terms. In cases referred by Sessions Judges under section 374 of the Code for confirmation of sentence of death, the sentence was confirmed in the cases of 31 persons, while the extreme penalty of the law was commuted to transportation for life in the case of 12 persons.

§49. The sentences passed by the Courts of Session during the past two years were as follows:— Courts of Session.

		1882.	1883.
Death		52	44
Transportation	for life	133	113
	for a term	38	44
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,379	1,255
	simple	15	22
Forfeiture of property		...	...
Fine		184	89
Whipping		27	19

Fines were the only punishment inflicted on 13 persons, and 9 persons were punished by whipping only. In the remaining cases fine and whipping formed a portion only of the punishment. Two out of the 44 persons sentenced to transportation were also sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, and 8 out of the 1,255 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment were punished also by solitary confinement.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed for the following terms:—

	1882.	1883.
Not exceeding 15 days	9	25
" " 6 months	190	149
" " 2 years	420	305
" " 7 "	676	727
Above 7 years	99	71

In addition to the persons already shown, 3 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms varying from two to seven years in cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under section 34 of The Code of Criminal Procedure. One person was sentenced to transportation, and 3 persons to rigorous imprisonment for terms exceeding three years in addition to fine, in cases referred under section 31 of the Code to the Sessions Judge of Burdwan for confirmation

of sentences passed by the Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura. Fourteen persons whose cases were referred for the orders of the Sessions Court under section 123 of the Code were sentenced in default of giving security to imprisonment for terms not exceeding three years, and 1 person convicted of an offence involving a breach of the peace was required by the Sessions Court under section 106 of the Code to find sureties to keep the peace.

The fines imposed by Sessions and Assistant Sessions Judges amounted to R11,491 in the past as compared with R14,591 in the previous year. The amount of old and new fines realized during the year was R8,462 as compared with R5,695 realized in 1882.

Presidency Magistrates.

§50. The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

		1882.	1883.
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,606	1,539
	simple	55	45
Fine		22,036	27,689
Whipping		173	154

Two out of the 1,539 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment were punished also with solitary confinement. Of the persons fined, 72, and of those whipped, 42, were punished also in some other manner.

In addition to the persons shown above, 3,065 persons were warned and discharged, 122 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts, 83 seamen were ordered to forfeit their wages, 35 vagrants were sent to the Government Work-House, 11 deserters were made over to the Military Authorities, 115 persons were ordered to pay hackney carriage fare, 1 person was ordered to have his child vaccinated, 123 persons were required to furnish recognizances to keep the peace, and 1 was required to furnish sureties for good behaviour.

The following are the details of the sentences of imprisonment passed :—

	1882.	1883.
Not exceeding 15 days	424	354
" " 6 months	1,056	1,071
" " 2 years	181	159

The total amount of fines imposed during the year was R88,540 as compared with R71,892 in the previous year. The amount realized was R78,039 as compared with R66,316.

The details of the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years were as follows :—

	1882.	1883.
10 stripes and under	71	90
20 " " "	87	58
30 " " "	15	6

Magistrates' Courts in the Districts.

§ 51. The following statement shows the sentences imposed in the Courts of the Magistrates in the Districts during the past two years :—

		1882.	1883.
Fine	with imprisonment	4,276	4,194
	without "	80,600	80,911
Whipping	sole punishment	1,167	942
	additional "	182	97
Imprisonment	rigorous	22,344	21,163
	simple	810	932

There was thus a marked diminution in the number of sentences of rigorous imprisonment and of whipping. In the cases of 39 out of the 21,163 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, that punishment was combined with solitary confinement.

Imprisonment.

The following are the details of the periods for which imprisonment was directed by the sentences passed in 1882 and 1883 respectively :—

	1882.	1883.
Not exceeding 15 days	4,840	4,712
" " 6 months	14,291	13,678
" " 2 years	3,994	3,674
Exceeding 2 "	29	31

§ 52. The following figures show in detail the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years :— Whipping.

	1882.	1883.
10 stripes and under	499	436
20 " " "	658	458
30 " " "	192	145

The total number of persons sentenced to whipping by all the Criminal Courts in the Province was 1,212 in the past as compared with 1,549 in the previous year, the percentage of whipping to other punishments being 1·08 in 1882 and 0·81 per cent. in 1883. The decrease is most marked in the following districts :— Particulars regarding sentences of whipping. *Table L1.*

	Persons sentenced to whipping.		
	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Cuttack	57	16	41
Hazareebagh	59	19	40
Midnapore	55	17	38
Purneah	51	15	36
Lohardugga	55	24	31
24-Pergunnahs	94	65	29
Hooghly	36	9	27
Pooree	27	4	23
Nuddea	44	22	22
Beerbhum	22	2	20

An increase in the number of sentences of whipping took place in only fifteen districts, of which Mozufferpore, Gya, Darjeeling, and Backergunge were the most conspicuous in this respect.

The relative number of sentences of whipping, as compared with all other punishments, was highest in Chumparum (4·31), Mozufferpore (3·11), Gya (2·76), Rungpore (2·42), Darjeeling (2·37), and Monghyr (1·75), and lowest in Manbhoom (·17), Beerbhum (·19), Puri (·18), Hooghly (·2), Furreedpore (·21), and Maldah (·21).

The number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable under the provisions of Act VI of 1864 to a sentence of whipping was 25,432 in the past as compared with 24,879 in the previous year. The proportion actually sentenced to that punishment fell from 6·22 per cent. in 1882 to 4·76 per cent. in 1883.

§53. The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation during each of the past two years, was as follows :— Fines. *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid as compensation.
	R	R	R
1882	6,38,256	5,68,748	38,420
1883	6,11,797	5,44,942	37,247

§54. Forty-four sentences of detention in a Reformatory School were passed during the year under review as against 29 in 1882. Of such sentences in 1883, 10 were passed by the Presidency Magistrates and 34 by Magistrates in the Districts. No such sentences were passed by Courts of Session during the year under review. Reformatory School Act.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

§55. The number of appeals from the sentences or orders of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal filed, and decided, in the High Court, during each of the years 1881, 1882, and 1883, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively, is shown in the following table :— Appeals from sentences or orders. *Table P.*

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Filed	698	661	691
Decided	712	656	681
Pending	47	52	62

As special measures are taken in the Court to prevent the accumulation of arrears, the proportions between appeals filed, heard, and pending are subject merely to accidental variations.

One appeal only was preferred by the Local Government against a judgment of acquittal. It was rejected. Appeals from judgments of acquittal.

Appeals from persons convicted.

§56. Twelve appeals, of which four were successful, were preferred against the sentences of Presidency Magistrates, and one, which was unsuccessful, against the decision of a Deputy Commissioner. The remaining 667 appeals were preferred from the convictions and sentences of Sessions Judges with the result noted on the margin.

Affirmed	559
Reversed	36
Varied	66
Remanded	4
Otherwise	2

Result of appeals as affecting cases.

§57. The following statement shows the result of appeals as affecting the cases decided during each of the past three years :—

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Affirmed	573	543	569
Reversed	59	45	40
Varied	75	55	66
Remanded	4	9	4
Otherwise	...	2	2

The decisions of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 83·5 per cent. of the appeals decided in 1883 as compared with 83 per cent. in 1882 and 80·5 per cent. in 1881.

Result of appeals as affecting persons.

§58. The following statement gives the results of appeals during the past two years with regard to the number of appellants concerned :—

	1882.	1883.
Appeals rejected	619	686
Sentence confirmed	285	224
" enhanced	2	...
" reduced or altered	74	78
" annulled or proceedings quashed	84	60
New trial or further enquiry ordered	34	4

The appeals of 65·2 per cent. of the appellants were summarily rejected in the past year as compared with 56·3 per cent. in 1882. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.	
	1882.	1883.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	59·6	61·2
" " " modified	15·8	21·3
" " " set aside	17·5	16·4
New trial ordered	7·1	1·1

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Number of appeals filed, decided and pending.
Table M.

§59. The number of appeals preferred, and decided, in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges during the past two years, and the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively, was as follows :—

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Sessions Judges	3,617	4,453	3,610	4,389	166	224
District Magistrates	1,945	2,339	1,923	2,299	106	144
TOTAL	5,562	6,792	5,533	6,688	272	368

The increase in the number of appeals preferred to the Court of Session was most marked in the following districts :—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Dacca	200	362	162
Mymensingh	274	415	141
Rungpore	38	128	90
Rajshahye	65	144	79
Nuddea	123	198	75
24-Pergunnahs	98	165	67
Chittagong	46	110	64
Cuttack	42	102	60
Gya	99	158	59
Howrah	33	87	54
Chumparun	38	92	54
Burdwan	52	103	51

In Furreedpur, Backergunge, Jessore, and Tipperah a considerable decrease took place.

The increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts occurred chiefly in the following districts :—

Districts.	1882.	1883.	Increase.	Districts.	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Dinagepore	20	105	85	Chittagong	71	37	34
Noakhally	46	116	70	Jessore	66	34	32
Dacca	79	147	68	24-Pergunnahs	66	35	31
Moorshedabad	40	94	54	Purneah	76	50	26
Gya	26	71	45	Balasore	65	43	22
Puri	9	43	34	Hooghly	41	20	21
Bhagulpore	20	53	33	Burdwan	48	31	17

The increase in the number of appeals preferred during the past year is attributed by many of the District Officers (both Sessions Judges and District Magistrates) to the abolition under the new Code of Criminal Procedure of the power of enhancement formerly exercised by Appellate Courts. The abolition of this power may have had this result in some districts, but its operation has not been by any means universal, and no safe conclusion regarding the effect of the change in the law can at present be drawn.

§60. The results with regard to the appellants in the Courts of Session and in Magistrates' Courts during the past two years are separately shown in the following table:— Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Appeals rejected	1,011	1,544	228	183
Sentences confirmed	2,648	2,923	1,551	2,213
„ enhanced	27	...	36	1
„ reduced or altered	752	708	388	410
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	1,284	1,460	833	963
New trial or further enquiry ordered	62	75	28	35
Otherwise disposed of	3	...	...	1

The appeals of 23 per cent. of the appellants in the Courts of Session were summarily rejected in the past as compared with 17·2 per cent. in the previous year. In the Courts of Magistrates the proportion was 4·7 per cent. in 1883 as compared with 7·4 per cent. in 1882.

The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.			
	Court of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	55·44	56·54	54·69	61·08
„ „ „ modified	16·32	13·72	14·95	11·34
„ „ „ set aside	26·88	28·29	29·38	26·58
New trial ordered	1·30	1·45	·98	·97
Otherwise disposed of	·06	...	...	·03

§61. The number of persons who preferred appeals to the Appellate Courts in the Districts was 10,710 in the year under report as compared with 8,907 in 1882. Number of appellants. *Table O.*

The proportion of persons having a right to appeal who exercised that right was 23·5 per cent. in the past as compared with 18·2 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Mymensingh (56·8 per cent.), Backergunge (53·9 per cent.), Pubna (52·9 per cent.), and Shahabad (40·9 per cent.), and lowest in Darjeeling (3·8 per cent.), Howrah (4·5 per cent.), Jalpaiguri (9 per cent.), Hazareebagh and Singbhoom (11·9 per cent. each), Hooghly (12·1 per cent.) and 24-Pergunnahs (12·3 per cent.). Ratio of appellants to persons having the right of appeal.

The decision of the Lower Court was affirmed in the appeals of 6,863 persons, or 65·4 per cent. of those whose appeals were decided in the past year. The proportion for 1882 was 61·4 per cent.

Appellants who were unsuccessful.

The proportion of unsuccessful appellants was greatest in Singbhoom (85· per cent.), Maldah (82·9 per cent.), Pubna (80·6 per cent.), Balasore (79·5 per cent.), Bogra (75·3 per cent.), Durbhanga (75 per cent.), Patna (74·9 per cent.), Champarun (74·8 per cent.), and Howrah (74·4 per cent.). The districts where the appellants met with the greatest success were Jalpaiguri (52·1 per cent.), Moorshedabad (50·9 per cent.), and Bankura (48·9 per cent.).

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

§62. The following table shows the number of cases referred from the Districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal to the High Court during the past year :—

	Pending from 1882.	Filed in 1883.	Decided in 1883.	Pending in 1883.
Reference under section 307, Act X of 1882	3	15	16	2
" " " 374, " " "	7	38	41	4
" " " 432, " " "	...	1	1	...
TOTAL .	10	54	58	6

These figures do not include the cases of five persons, who, though not insane, could not be made to understand the proceedings, and which were referred to the High Court under section 341 of The Code of Criminal Procedure.

Result of references under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.

Sixteen cases affecting 28 persons referred under section 307 of The Criminal Procedure Code were decided during the year. The finding of the jury was reversed or modified in twelve of these cases and confirmed in three. The remaining case was remanded for re-trial.

Cases dealt with in revision under sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

The following statement shows the number of cases relating to the Lower Provinces of Bengal with which the High Court dealt during the past year under its powers of revision :—

	Remaining over from 1882.	Filed in 1883.	Decided in 1883.	Pending at the close of 1883.
Cases referred under section 438 .	7	188	188	7
Cases dealt with under section 435 .	11	327	326	12
TOTAL .	18	515	514	19

Of the cases coming before the High Court under section 435 of The Criminal Procedure Code, 301 were cases decided by Magistrates, and 26 cases decided by Sessions Judges.

Result of revision as affecting cases.

The following statement shows the result as affecting cases of the proceedings on revision :—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session	8	3	4	...	10	25
District Magistrates . . .	26	15	2	2	1	46
Other Magistrates . . .	248	145	25	23	2	443
TOTAL .	282	163	31	25	13	514

In 54·8 per cent. the order of the Lower Court was upheld, while it was reversed in 31·7 per cent.

Result of revision as affecting persons.

§63. The following statement shows in detail the results of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years :—

	1882.	1883.
Applications rejected	319	419
Orders confirmed	322	190
Sentences enhanced	4	5
" reduced or altered	46	41
" reversed or quashed	361	374
New trial or further enquiry ordered	50	71

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

§64. The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred, and disposed of, in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges during each of the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively :— Application for revision. *Table N.*

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Courts of Session . .	770	905	808	895	33	43
District Magistrates . .	996	1,038	992	1,032	50	55
TOTAL .	1,766	1,943	1,800	1,927	83	98

The number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts in the Districts was 2,841 in the past as compared with 2,590 in the previous year. Number of applicants for revision. *Table O.*

The applications of 2,048 persons, or 72·7 per cent. of the total number, were rejected. The proportion in 1882 was 70 per cent. Applicants who were unsuccessful.

XII.—FINANCIAL.

§65. In the Civil Report a statement has been given showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Branch of the High Court. On the Criminal Side, the amount of Court-fees realized during the past year was R2,143. An exact account of the charges on that side of the Court cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges, and of the officers exclusively employed in the Department, and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is occupied by the Criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to R1,33,342 as shown below :— The High Court.

	R
Salary of Judges	1,00,000
Salary of Establishment	33,132
Postage of covers	210
TOTAL .	1,33,342

Charges	1,33,342
Receipts	2,143
TOTAL .	1,31,199

The net result, as shown in the margin, is an excess of expenditure amounting to R1,31,199.

The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to R75,344 and the total charges to R52,171, the net result being a surplus of R23,173. Presidency Magistrates Courts.

The following statement shows the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the Districts in detail :— Courts in the Districts.

	Stamps.		In cash or Special-Stamps.		
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines	Copying and comparing fees.	Miscellaneous.
	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,87,332	2,31,573	5,35,575	49,315	1,32,451
Courts of Session . .	39	4,072	8,860	3,115	201
TOTAL . .	1,87,371	2,35,645	5,44,435	52,430	1,32,652

Details of Charges.

§66. The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the Districts:—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Establishment.			Contingent.	
		Process-servers.	Salaried, copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed Establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts .	12,26,168	93,687	6,392	3,37,735	24,041	2,04,777
Courts of Session .	3,35,877	3,462	743	30,475	1,635	25,567
Total . .	15,62,045	97,149	7,135	3,68,210	25,676	2,30,344

The amount charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of Judicial Officers has been determined on the principle mentioned in the Reports for previous years.

§67. The following figures show the receipts and charges of the Copying Department of the Criminal Court:—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties .	...	52,430
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks . .	7,135	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	25,676	
		32,811
Surplus .		19,619

Besides the surplus of R19,619, "expedition fees" were also realized during the year. The surplus obtained in 1882 on account of copies was R18,548.

The receipts and charges on account of the service of process in the Criminal Courts in Bengal are shown in the margin. The corresponding figures for 1882 showed a deficit of R2,732 in the Courts of Session and a surplus of R85,680 in the Courts of Magistrates.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or—
	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,87,332	93,687	+93,645
Courts of Session . . .	39	3,462	— 3,423
	1,87,371	97,149	+90,222

The following is an abstract of the results for all Courts:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or—
	R	R	R
High Court	2,143	1,33,342	—1,31,199
Presidency Magistrate . .	75,344	52,171	+23,173
Courts of Session . . .	16,287	3,97,759	—3,81,472
Magistrates' Courts . .	11,36,246	18,92,800	—7,56,554
Total .	12,30,020	24,76,072	—12,46,052

The excess of expenditure over receipts, amounting in the aggregate to R12,46,052 is common to all Courts, except those of the Presidency Magistrates, the Magistrates of Purneah and Chupra, and the Sub-divisional Officer of Gopalgunge.

As stated in previous reports, charges on account of leave or pension allowances, or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such as the cost of buildings, printing, stationery, &c., have not been included in the above figures.

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A.

Showing the total number of offences reported, of cases struck off as false, and of true cases in 1882 and 1883.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Offences against the State, and relating to the army and navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	2	6	1	...	1	1	...	5
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,872	2,869	263	279	204	188	2,405	2,402
Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X	4,927	5,192	90	90	36	28	4,801	5,074
Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI	3,110	3,312	99	106	31	32	2,980	3,174
Offences relating to coin, stamp, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII	440	492	4	7	12	8	424	477
Offences affecting the public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,808	8,595	35	48	33	21	6,740	8,526
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI	74,143	70,224	11,343	12,286	4,040	4,598	58,760	53,340
Offences against property, Chapter XVII	78,706	79,179	10,294	10,328	7,227	6,250	61,185	62,601
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	7,712	8,515	2,275	2,597	229	270	5,208	5,648
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	178,720	178,384	24,404	25,741	11,813	11,396	142,503	141,247
Offences under Special Laws	74,055	78,864	1,596	1,815	663	453	71,796	76,596
GRAND TOTAL	252,775	257,248	26,000	27,556	12,476	11,849	214,299	217,843

A 1.

Showing the total number of cases brought to trial, with the results of trial in 1882 and 1883.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		NUMBER OF PERSONS.				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882	1883.	1883.	1883.
Offences against the State, and relating to the army and navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,137	2,097	2,902	3,106	5,910	6,078	67·1	66·1
Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X	4,506	4,776	2,281	2,627	4,993	5,441	68·6	67·4
Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI	2,805	2,989	1,791	1,787	1,836	2,010	50·6	53·6
Offences relating to coin, stamp, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII	397	443	153	193	332	417	68·4	68·3
Offences affecting the public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,546	8,342	887	722	9,044	11,639	91·06	94·
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI	29,110	27,710	20,734	21,579	21,016	18,764	50·03	46·5
Offences against property, Chapter XVII	32,615	33,609	22,408	24,299	24,817	24,499	52·5	50·2
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	3,117	3,372	2,689	2,961	1,466	1,537	35·2	34·1
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	81,233	83,340	53,845	57,226	69,414	70,385	56·3	55·1
Offences under Special Laws	61,145	66,868	12,448	13,224	72,487	79,367	85·3	85·7
GRAND TOTAL	142,378	150,208	66,293	70,450	141,901	140,752	68·1	68·

B.

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	8,500	8,588	1,878	2,077	324	339	6,298	6,172	74·09	71·8
Beerbhum	2,724	2,487	278	284	148	121	2,298	2,082	84·3	83·7
Bhagulpore	4,672	5,411	510	359	467	511	3,695	4,541	79·	83·9
Monghyr	4,882	4,254	249	194	153	221	4,480	3,839	91·7	90·2
Burdwan	5,437	6,293	622	987	172	187	4,643	5,119	85·3	81·8
Bankura	1,627	2,215	159	46	84	277	1,384	1,892	85·06	85·4
Chittagong	4,321	3,632	987	745	202	58	3,132	2,829	72·4	77·8
Cuttack	5,478	4,953	1,068	1,180	427	153	3,983	3,620	72·7	73·08
Puri	3,578	3,794	571	677	108	60	2,904	3,057	81·1	80·5
Balasore	2,945	2,949	374	532	302	145	2,269	2,272	77·04	77·04
Dacca	9,021	9,145	1,276	1,575	478	174	7,267	7,396	80·5	80·8
Dinagepore	3,350	3,682	368	482	109	203	2,873	2,997	85·7	81·3
Darjeeling	2,716	2,061	67	92	108	113	2,541	2,456	93·5	92·3
Furreedpore	6,984	7,021	275	598	435	130	6,274	6,293	89·8	89·6
Gya	6,900	6,325	176	355	409	328	6,324	5,642	91·5	89·2
Hooghly	8,817	8,701	912	1,071	348	327	7,557	7,303	85·7	83·9
Howrah	7,045	6,484	741	378	73	119	6,231	5,987	88·4	93·8
Jessore	6,021	5,727	678	406	301	182	5,042	5,139	83·7	89·7
Khulna	2,541	3,385	181	468	139	157	2,221	2,760	87·4	81·5
Midnapore	7,996	7,985	688	1,082	425	502	6,883	6,401	86·	80·1
Moorshedabad	5,877	5,637	304	390	103	252	5,470	4,995	93·	88·6
Mymensingh	11,698	12,353	2,574	2,389	381	336	8,748	9,628	74·7	77·9
Noakhally	4,314	4,191	549	400	139	99	3,626	3,692	84·	88·09
Nuddea	6,903	6,117	1,084	921	331	393	5,488	4,803	79·5	78·5
Patna	9,850	10,693	313	235	429	330	9,108	10,128	92·5	94·7
Pubna	3,864	3,389	421	383	187	514	3,256	2,492	84·2	73·5
Bogra	1,873	2,271	64	56	39	53	1,770	2,162	94·5	95·2
Purneah	5,018	5,047	911	811	102	93	4,005	4,143	79·8	82·08
Rajshahye	3,241	3,249	153	198	573	570	2,515	2,481	77·5	76·3
Maldah	1,748	1,862	134	324	442	421	1,172	1,117	67·	59·9
Rungpore	3,962	4,502	1,033	944	71	389	2,858	3,169	77·9	70·4
Julpaiguri	1,780	1,897	305	252	143	87	1,332	1,558	74·8	82·1
Sarun	5,196	5,990	546	601	904	1,121	3,746	4,268	72·	71·2
Champarun	4,039	4,344	683	598	260	268	3,096	3,478	76·6	80·06
Shahabad	6,671	5,230	687	521	664	488	5,320	4,221	79·9	80·7
Tipperah	8,794	7,501	1,094	1,451	153	219	7,547	5,831	85·8	77·7
Mozufferpore	4,005	3,995	543	396	294	224	3,168	3,375	79·1	84·5
Durbhanga	3,896	4,701	209	166	177	177	3,510	4,358	90·	92·7
24-Pergunnahs	16,774	18,006	1,126	1,243	1,441	845	14,207	15,918	84·6	88·4
Hazareebagh	2,500	2,597	208	522	122	200	2,170	1,875	86·8	72·2
Lohardugga	2,780	2,937	399	562	33	87	2,348	2,288	84·4	77·8
Manbhoom	2,885	2,552	590	605	150	245	2,145	1,702	74·3	66·6
Singbhoom	385	470	12	...	6	1	367	469	95·3	99·8
TOTAL	223,617	225,223	26,000	27,556	12,351	11,719	185,266	185,948	82·8	82·5
Calcutta	29,158	32,025	...	...	125	130	29,033	31,895	99·5	99·5
GRAND TOTAL	252,775	257,248	26,000	27,556	12,476	11,849	214,299	217,843	84·7	84·6

B 1.

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	3,815	3,859	2,341	2,698	5,593	7,071	70·4	72·3
Beerbhum	1,440	1,260	772	697	1,168	1,011	60·02	59·1
Bhagulpore	2,709	3,317	954	1,154	2,465	2,930	72·09	71·7
Monghyr	3,176	2,510	1,672	1,932	3,076	2,317	64·	54·4
Burdwan	3,665	3,598	2,021	1,681	3,062	3,157	60·2	65·2
Bankura	1,069	1,406	651	741	1,027	1,257	61·2	62·9
Chittagong	1,939	1,716	1,301	930	2,173	1,547	62·5	62·4
Cuttack	2,633	2,378	1,320	1,336	3,118	2,513	70·2	65·2
Puri	1,823	2,148	1,125	1,337	1,933	2,137	63·2	61·5
Balasore	1,510	1,637	763	913	1,293	1,349	62·8	59·6
Dacca	4,562	4,513	1,992	2,282	4,262	4,283	68·1	65·2
Dinagepore	1,772	1,898	953	1,150	1,286	1,571	57·4	57·7
Darjeeling	2,080	2,092	636	418	1,987	2,028	75·7	82·9
Furreedpore	2,816	3,342	1,784	2,095	3,408	5,511	65·6	72·4
Gya	2,774	2,929	1,758	1,571	2,274	2,524	56·3	61·5
Hooghly	5,567	5,523	2,441	2,467	5,001	4,490	67·1	64·5
Howrah	5,338	4,844	1,633	1,896	5,053	4,263	75·5	69·2
Jessore	3,262	3,002	2,417	2,374	2,992	2,504	55·3	51·3
Khulna	1,354	1,909	995	1,491	1,342	1,784	57·4	54·4
Midnapore	4,040	4,008	2,514	2,817	3,147	2,997	55·5	51·5
Moorshedabad	3,626	3,608	2,019	2,354	3,320	2,867	62·1	54·9
Mymensingh	4,588	4,806	2,497	3,172	4,146	3,864	62·4	54·9
Noakhally	1,685	1,634	1,019	938	1,463	1,336	59.	58·8
Nuddea	3,540	3,318	2,280	2,239	3,049	2,860	57·1	56·0
Patna	7,649	8,516	2,210	2,459	7,328	7,957	76·8	76·3
Pubna	1,732	1,626	1,387	1,249	1,700	1,626	55·1	56·5
Bogra	1,100	1,483	714	949	1,075	1,325	60·	58·2
Purneah	1,841	1,886	1,152	1,085	1,657	1,569	58·9	59·1
Rajshahye	1,767	1,925	1,098	1,229	1,842	1,766	62·6	58·9
Maldah	1,172	1,117	604	558	1,002	951	62·3	63·
Rungpore	1,897	1,884	1,205	1,274	1,448	1,561	54·5	55·
Julpaiguri	1,017	1,242	601	647	812	1,013	57·4	61·
Sarun	2,363	2,893	1,432	1,744	2,317	2,717	61·8	60·9
Champarun	1,837	1,915	882	926	1,472	1,524	62·5	62·2
Shahabad	3,153	2,933	2,081	1,774	2,833	2,600	57·6	59·4
Tipperah	2,999	2,862	1,851	1,905	2,732	3,040	59·6	61·4
Mozufferpore	2,122	2,162	1,128	1,273	1,972	1,873	63·6	59·5
Durbhanga	2,273	2,548	917	1,115	3,046	2,984	76·8	72·7
24-Pergunnahs	10,533	12,135	4,919	5,606	10,740	11,573	68·5	67·4
Hazareebagh	1,411	1,523	1,040	1,053	1,331	1,428	56·1	57·5
Lohardugga	1,977	1,781	1,123	1,102	1,952	1,817	63·4	62·2
Manbhoom	1,460	1,154	941	702	1,487	1,116	61·2	61·3
Singbhoom	259	302	134	85	284	307	67·9	78·3
TOTAL	119,345	123,242	63,277	67,418	114,668	116,918	64·4	63·4
Calcutta	23,033	26,966	3,016	3,032	27,233	32,834	90·	91·5
GRAND TOTAL	142,378	150,208	66,293	70,450	141,901	149,752	68·1	68·

C.

Showing the number of offences of each class returned as true in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the army and navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1883.	1883.
Backergunge	...	...	149	102	167	145	103	126	8	2	34	39	2,114	1,841	1,395	1,283	171	221	4,141	3,758	2,157	2,214	6,298	6,172
Beerbhum	...	...	8	15	16	17	32	27	1	6	23	27	909	806	715	612	56	81	1,760	1,591	538	491	2,298	2,082
Bhagulpore	...	...	16	23	65	74	55	59	7	6	56	44	726	890	1,181	1,224	10	22	2,105	2,342	1,590	2,199	3,695	4,541
Monghyr	...	...	49	51	57	76	83	78	3	8	121	42	824	924	1,371	1,380	58	56	2,566	2,613	1,914	1,226	4,480	3,839
Burdwan	...	...	30	63	175	103	52	54	5	1	67	37	1,514	1,406	1,145	1,283	96	136	3,084	3,063	1,559	2,056	4,643	5,119
Bankura	...	...	29	31	34	51	35	35	2	...	6	35	609	624	500	560	28	28	1,243	1,364	141	528	1,384	1,892
Chittagong	...	1	52	37	93	95	67	73	11	3	32	58	1,050	1,028	738	747	133	59	2,175	2,101	957	728	3,132	2,829
Cuttack	...	...	29	27	39	31	41	47	16	10	31	23	1,333	1,188	1,225	1,322	67	86	2,781	2,734	1,202	886	3,983	3,620
Puri	...	...	20	19	34	35	64	38	6	3	21	23	781	728	1,248	1,307	79	102	2,253	2,255	651	802	2,904	3,057
Balasore	...	...	17	18	60	69	68	29	21	31	9	13	574	557	945	935	31	45	1,725	1,697	544	575	2,269	2,272
Dacca	...	...	120	194	251	208	164	202	8	29	103	130	3,246	2,721	1,511	1,829	245	287	5,648	5,600	1,619	1,796	7,267	7,396
Dinagepore	...	...	8	21	219	116	58	73	7	3	14	61	748	720	1,239	1,268	143	35	2,435	2,497	438	500	2,873	2,997
Darjeeling	...	...	14	6	26	25	38	42	5	4	145	42	294	227	771	740	68	37	1,361	1,123	1,180	1,333	2,541	2,456
Furreedpore	...	...	127	103	228	502	79	79	1	8	33	75	2,879	2,379	1,774	1,545	119	265	5,240	4,956	1,034	1,337	6,274	6,293
Gya	...	2	96	75	160	194	84	101	11	3	10	10	1,267	859	3,354	3,112	53	50	5,035	4,406	1,289	1,236	6,324	5,642
Hooghly	...	...	60	47	120	150	52	62	8	21	77	61	2,074	2,143	1,840	1,643	214	227	4,445	4,353	3,112	2,950	7,557	7,303
Howrah	...	...	32	19	71	81	47	67	12	4	64	120	1,170	1,457	970	881	103	158	2,375	2,785	3,856	3,202	6,231	5,987
Jessore	...	...	125	87	199	208	129	113	16	10	102	173	2,060	1,758	1,544	1,976	170	177	4,345	4,480	697	659	5,042	5,139
Khulna	...	...	57	85	86	82	47	43	4	5	46	49	962	1,136	598	689	53	55	1,853	2,144	388	616	2,221	2,760
Midnapore	...	...	42	49	237	230	158	147	24	58	159	75	2,489	2,084	2,347	2,157	230	316	5,685	5,116	1,198	1,285	6,883	6,401
Moorshedabad	...	...	65	92	123	149	82	97	5	7	110	86	1,687	1,294	1,589	1,633	131	189	3,802	3,517	1,663	1,478	5,470	4,995
Mymensing	...	...	287	263	315	606	126	168	12	25	42	24	3,344	3,191	3,047	3,762	442	454	7,615	8,493	1,128	1,135	8,743	9,623
Noakhally	...	...	56	40	123	91	111	96	16	15	22	27	1,753	1,789	824	801	173	150	3,078	3,010	548	683	3,626	3,698
Nuddea	...	...	88	69	168	190	101	113	14	21	61	77	1,565	1,329	2,211	1,964	98	93	4,306	3,856	1,182	947	5,488	4,802
Patna	...	...	19	34	49	70	77	71	18	10	69	63	1,220	1,185	1,853	1,997	40	56	3,345	3,486	5,763	6,642	9,108	10,122
Pubna	...	...	113	118	74	80	53	48	3	9	64	51	1,311	876	1,056	976	132	68	2,806	2,226	450	266	3,256	2,493
Bogra	...	...	19	62	43	58	23	47	9	7	33	37	507	471	868	1,017	72	96	1,573	1,794	197	368	1,770	2,162
Purneah	...	...	26	26	87	79	30	26	5	4	14	8	1,091	1,118	1,841	1,889	67	97	3,181	3,247	824	896	4,005	4,143
Rajshahye	...	...	62	58	46	81	43	48	7	6	17	30	407	483	1,295	1,206	50	60	1,927	1,972	588	509	2,515	2,481
Maldah	...	...	13	13	63	31	30	35	5	5	5	18	295	283	502	529	18	18	931	932	241	185	1,172	1,117
Rungpore	...	...	25	45	101	109	71	101	6	31	18	14	987	984	1,089	1,385	139	154	2,436	2,803	422	366	2,858	3,169
Julpaiguri	...	...	21	20	42	30	23	31	1	1	48	34	296	337	663	685	70	54	1,164	1,182	168	376	1,332	1,558
Sarun	...	...	28	40	67	123	43	122	3	6	16	45	833	841	1,730	1,891	31	20	2,751	3,098	995	1,180	3,746	4,268
Champaran	...	1	24	18	93	84	63	74	1	3	4	10	698	789	1,486	1,634	43	59	2,412	2,672	684	806	3,096	3,478
Shahabad	...	...	47	49	241	115	75	65	6	18	55	59	2,515	1,258	1,453	1,566	40	30	4,432	3,160	888	1,061	5,320	4,221
Tipperah	...	...	118	102	138	164	79	111	8	4	26	57	3,693	2,252	2,440	2,029	214	233	6,716	4,952	831	879	7,547	5,831
Mozufferpore	...	...	36	18	56	81	52	68	1	5	11	4	593	737	1,243	1,347	18	27	2,010	2,285	1,158	1,090	3,168	3,375
Durbhanga	...	...	18	35	66	41	84	59	1	9	44	87	506	674	1,496	2,038	32	41	2,246	2,984	1,264	1,374	3,510	4,358
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	66	73	235	145	146	150	74	29	298	180	4,623	4,779	2,777	2,706	846	947	9,065	9,012	5,142	6,906	14,207	15,918
Hazareebagh	...	...	13	12	76	66	32	33	6	7	30	24	382	374	1,406	994	41	33	1,885	1,543	285	332	2,170	1,875
Lohardugga	...	...	11	20	101	84	80	50	7	5	15	3	478	570	985	999	51	38	1,728	1,769	620	519	2,348	2,288
Manbhoom	...	...	16	23	146	72	53	33	5	4	10	11	453	380	978	870	60	32	1,721	1,425	424	277	2,145	1,702
Singbhoom	...	1	1	3	4	2	6	2	...	...	...	1	94	112	132	140	26	35	263	296	104	173	367	469
TOTAL	...	5	2,358	2,238	4,792	5,041	2,939	3,139	389	446	2,164	2,087	56,842	51,551	59,254	60,750	4,990	5,394	133,628	130,701	51,638	55,247	185,266	185,948
Calcutta	...	...	147	114	9	33	41	35	35	31	4,576	6,439	1,918	1,789	1,931	1,851	218	254	8,875	10,546	20,158	21,349	29,033	31,895
GRAND TOTAL	...	5	2,405	2,402	4,801	5,074	2,980	3,174	424	477	6,740	8,526	58,760	53,340	61,185	62,601	5,208	5,648	142,503	141,247	71,796	76,596	214,299	217,843

D.

Showing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State, and relating to the army and navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	...	...	355	279	157	143	78	81	4	1	27	34	603	571	502	524	15	29	1,741	1,662	3,852	5,409	5,593	7,071
Beerbhum	...	...	11	54	20	12	26	14	1	3	43	62	245	223	338	195	5	12	689	575	479	436	1,168	1,011
Bhagulpore	...	...	61	92	77	86	42	39	4	4	74	51	316	271	516	498	7	6	1,097	1,047	1,368	1,883	2,465	2,930
Mongbyr	...	...	168	210	89	104	51	42	3	5	270	78	256	302	609	516	15	8	1,371	1,265	1,705	1,052	3,076	2,317
Burdwan	...	...	58	167	225	123	26	15	4	1	105	29	500	416	437	440	21	28	1,426	1,219	1,636	1,938	3,062	3,157
Bankura	...	...	103	87	85	61	23	20	2	...	8	32	341	240	301	258	2	7	865	685	162	572	1,027	1,257
Chittagong	...	...	153	98	116	91	43	54	8	2	36	63	367	275	353	397	29	15	1,105	994	1,068	553	2,173	1,547
Cuttack	...	...	41	55	36	21	32	39	9	13	41	40	407	339	597	587	12	14	1,175	1,107	1,938	1,406	3,113	2,513
Puri	...	...	99	39	31	18	28	22	5	3	81	29	215	273	562	695	29	24	1,070	1,233	863	904	1,933	2,137
Balasore	...	...	36	31	48	74	38	16	22	31	13	11	227	223	419	411	10	16	813	812	480	537	1,293	1,349
Dacca	...	...	351	496	268	218	59	130	7	69	121	150	1,024	919	832	874	45	35	2,697	2,881	1,565	1,402	4,262	4,283
Dinagepore	...	...	24	76	142	76	22	24	4	1	15	60	314	319	397	547	4	8	922	1,111	364	460	1,286	1,571
Darjeeling	...	...	30	16	22	21	20	23	3	4	142	45	161	152	457	477	24	12	889	749	1,098	1,279	1,987	2,028
Furreedpore	...	...	289	356	303	733	40	41	...	7	40	75	707	553	394	388	13	10	1,786	2,163	1,622	3,348	3,408	5,511
Gya	...	...	57	94	92	259	41	84	7	...	5	7	318	351	555	575	18	19	1,093	1,389	1,191	1,135	2,274	2,524
Hooghly	...	...	200	258	139	188	26	34	6	16	83	38	769	751	739	472	58	54	2,020	1,711	2,981	3,779	5,001	4,490
Howrah	...	...	30	48	114	71	18	33	7	2	120	143	373	437	549	430	30	20	1,241	1,184	3,912	3,079	5,053	4,263
Jessore	...	...	328	173	227	292	64	59	21	9	123	94	806	585	329	59	39	29	2,148	1,833	844	671	2,992	2,504
Khulna	...	...	176	174	68	57	30	36	2	1	45	47	315	348	223	276	4	30	863	968	479	816	1,342	1,784
Midnapore	...	...	101	146	281	221	80	71	16	74	173	100	558	464	924	827	50	48	2,164	1,951	983	1,046	3,147	2,997
Moorshedabad	...	...	187	256	120	133	47	42	5	2	189	93	437	476	580	596	33	34	1,543	1,626	1,777	1,241	3,320	2,867
Mymensingh	...	...	389	389	358	530	77	115	12	28	76	31	1,339	1,055	1,018	1,072	48	31	3,317	3,251	829	613	4,146	3,864
Noakhally	...	...	212	100	146	112	71	45	22	4	33	44	341	3[illegible]1	343	256	9	15	1,177	897	291	449	1,468	1,336
Nuddea	...	...	204	163	120	189	72	66	5	14	80	130	724	590	891	870	31	21	2,127	2,063	922	797	3,049	2,860
Patna	...	...	46	58	55	50	37	39	11	5	67	68	492	418	667	646	13	15	1,358	1,299	5,970	6,658	7,328	7,957
Pobna	...	...	239	202	78	103	30	35	3	8	110	114	321	308	352	413	14	13	1,147	1,274	553	353	1,700	1,626
Bogra	...	...	73	147	53	74	13	20	3	5	38	40	322	235	348	454	10	16	898	991	177	334	1,075	1,325
Purneah	...	...	91	124	89	59	33	20	7	2	11	9	346	246	702	625	11	16	1,263	1,101	394	468	1,657	1,569
Rajshahye	...	...	151	123	58	95	44	39	10	5	56	114	370	315	537	547	16	27	1,236	1,265	606	501	1,842	1,766
Maldah	...	...	25	28	69	43	32	38	3	0	4	26	227	223	348	401	13	13	741	781	261	170	1,002	951
Rungpore	...	...	57	73	93	130	59	69	2	27	25	14	426	433	448	545	14	31	1,123	1,322	325	239	1,448	1,561
Julpaiguri	...	...	61	53	28	33	18	14	1	1	44	35	165	169	298	355	15	17	630	677	182	336	812	1,013
Sarun	...	...	83	109	71	95	40	85	1	...	86	57	496	428	633	743	16	8	1,426	1,525	891	1,192	2,317	2,717
Chumparun	...	...	62	56	72	61	43	49	...	2	7	7	200	203	589	621	3	11	976	1,009	496	515	1,472	1,524
Shahabad	...	...	265	176	298	124	48	48	2	9	55	64	671	408	646	616	16	12	1,939	1,515	894	1,085	2,833	2,600
Tipperah	...	...	332	342	138	258	47	117	5	1	25	107	1,020	868	652	590	20	19	2,234	2,297	498	743	2,732	3,040
Mozufferpore	...	...	122	109	69	76	49	48	...	1	6	5	231	236	439	439	6	9	925	923	1,047	950	1,972	1,873
Durbhanga	...	...	45	46	66	49	73	34	1	5	115	163	189	162	484	478	13	9	990	946	2,056	2,038	3,046	2,984
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	198	189	187	138	77	86	62	17	340	184	2,144	1,924	1,199	1,144	560	613	4,747	4,323	5,993	7,250	10,740	11,573
Hazareebagh	...	...	17	12	70	61	29	34	2	5	61	47	145	253	639	622	13	16	1,016	1,050	316	378	1,331	1,428
Lohardugga	...	...	32	58	113	68	49	46	9	3	19	1	320	303	559	539	40	18	1,141	1,036	811	781	1,952	1,817
Manbhoom	...	...	41	82	155	48	33	19	9	2	44	43	234	291	468	336	17	15	1,003	837	484	279	1,487	1,116
Singbhoom	...	...	11	8	10	1	7	3	...	...	...	...	35	72	93	43	20	15	181	142	103	165	284	307
TOTAL	...	...	5,495	5,942	4,888	5,398	1,817	1,986	310	400	3,009	2,583	20,012	17,015	23,301	23,107	1,390	1,448	60,312	58,679	54,356	58,239	114,668	116,918
Calcutta	...	...	415	236	5	43	10	24	22	17	6,635	9,056	1,004	849	1,516	1,392	86	89	8,102	11,706	18,131	21,128	27,233	32,834
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	5,910	6,078	4,993	5,441	1,836	2,010	332	417	9,044	11,639	21,016	18,764	24,817	24,499	1,466	1,537	69,414	70,385	72,487	79,367	141,901	149,752

E.

Showing the number of cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
	Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	62	37	61	40	9	6	3,817	3,862	3,810	3,859	101	101
Beerbhum	25	34	28	33	...	1	1,432	1,247	1,438	1,239	13	21
Bhagulpore	20	36	20	30	7	12	2,711	3,325	2,697	3,302	41	64
Monghyr	31	34	31	30	4	7	3,176	2,511	3,154	2,494	59	76
Burdwan	42	30	41	31	7	5	3,669	3,598	3,660	3,579	56	70
Bankura	30	27	31	32	7	2	1,069	1,406	1,044	1,411	42	37
Chittagong	26	22	24	26	8	4	1,942	1,716	1,968	1,717	43	41
Cuttack	25	12	27	13	3	2	2,643	2,379	2,640	2,365	53	67
Puri	20	12	22	12	4	4	1,830	2,150	1,813	2,115	54	83
Balasore	23	26	23	24	3	5	1,510	1,645	1,491	1,640	51	55
Dacca	55	69	56	61	12	20	4,562	4,515	4,537	4,499	125	131
Dinagepore	22	49	27	47	2	4	1,774	1,913	1,756	1,929	64	43
Darjeeling	12	7	12	6	...	1	2,085	2,094	2,072	2,082	19	25
Furreedpore	29	39	32	35	3	7	2,816	3,342	2,723	3,377	177	136
Gya	58	61	59	62	7	6	2,776	2,929	2,768	2,933	62	58
Hooghly	40	33	44	40	8	1	5,568	5,523	5,525	5,570	110	47
Howrah	29	27	26	29	4	2	5,339	4,844	5,283	4,895	129	71
Jessore	55	55	47	60	13	6	3,262	3,003	3,290	2,959	39	104
Khulna	22	25	22	24	...	1	1,397	1,909	1,339	1,875	58	92
Midnapore	98	72	89	87	22	7	4,048	4,009	4,015	3,952	130	175
Moorshedabad	41	38	38	42	6	2	3,630	3,612	3,617	3,614	92	86
Mymensingh	99	83	106	72	10	19	4,589	4,915	4,499	4,914	244	237
Noakhally	17	13	16	13	3	3	1,687	1,641	1,702	1,611	39	69
Nuddea	61	55	63	48	4	11	3,542	3,319	3,522	3,310	102	83
Patna	62	42	63	40	3	5	7,651	8,517	7,665	8,460	39	93
Pubna	21	30	22	25	2	7	1,737	1,629	1,771	1,657	79	49
Bogra	17	25	17	19	2	8	1,104	1,488	1,082	1,485	49	51
Purneah	20	31	21	30	2	3	1,846	1,889	1,847	1,850	41	75
Rajshahye	38	28	37	26	1	2	1,768	1,926	1,771	1,929	57	47
Maldah	14	18	14	18	...	...	1,172	1,117	1,159	1,092	26	51
Rungpore	46	52	53	50	4	5	1,897	1,884	1,899	1,895	58	40
Julpaiguri	7	9	7	9	...	...	1,017	1,243	1,024	1,237	36	40
Sarun	47	74	55	60	5	18	2,365	2,895	2,339	2,875	56	75
Champarun	49	40	44	36	1	3	1,839	1,915	1,822	1,916	58	50
Shahabad	46	39	42	36	6	9	3,164	2,937	3,155	2,956	81	59
Tipperah	32	34	42	30	...	4	3,000	2,864	2,925	2,941	167	88
Mozufferpore	31	34	33	34	2	2	2,142	2,162	2,149	2,146	32	45
Durbhanga	33	32	35	33	3	2	2,273	2,551	2,279	2,526	51	70
24-Pergunnahs	78	76	81	82	11	5	10,537	12,137	10,562	12,125	107	115
Hazareebagh	18	21	17	19	1	3	1,417	1,586	1,404	1,545	45	36
Lohardugga	29	20	29	15	1	6	2,017	1,800	1,993	1,825	66	39
Manbhoom	20	19	26	20	1	...	1,466	1,159	1,478	1,149	26	36
Singbhoom	2	2	2	2	...	...	261	303	257	303	5	5
TOTAL	1,552	1,522	1,585	1,481	191	220	119,547	123,359	118,944	123,153	2,962	3,036
Calcutta	67	63	66	64	5	4	23,033	26,966	23,028	26,971	48	39
GRAND TOTAL	1,619	1,585	1,651	1,545	196	224	142,580	150,325	141,972	150,124	3,030	3,075

F.

Showing the number of Persons concerned in cases decided under the miscellaneous provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI and Section 486.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Contempt of Court under Chapter XXXV.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XVII.	TOTAL PERSONS.
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	
Backergunge	...	6,061	105	88	12	42	...	22	14	71	6,403
Beerbhum	...	32	2	...	4	3	...	2	7	...	46
Bhagulpore	5	13	20	...	5	18	...	1	2	10	74
Monghyr	1	140	41	11		7	...	7	2	39	278
Burdwan	...	111	37	198	8	17	...	6	43	21	433
Bankura	3	50	6	...	1	12	...	...	11	1	83
Chittagong	...	19	...	...	3	8	...	5	7	22	61
Cuttack	...	63	...	85	...	14	...	12	9	68	251
Puri	...	16	...	2	2	20	...	...	3	84	125
Balasore	2	22	1	...	1	13	...	1	...	14	53
Dacca	13	190	18	1	8	93	...	24	21	36	386
Dinagepore	...	2	9	3	...	1	4	...	8	55	82
Darjeeling	...	5	1	...	2	2	...	4	2	41	55
Furreedpore	...	3,511	57	17	15	16	...	11	6	23	3,641
Gya	...	149	67	6	9	15	1	4	9	9	260
Hooghly	...	152	7	348	1	1	1	...	42	50	601
Howrah	...	109	9	...	6	17	1	6	29	45	216
Jessore	...	426	33	22	26	22	...	1	28	30	562
Khulna	1	661	16	67	5	9	...	2	14	21	791
Midnapore	...	220	50	2	16	34	...	8	55	51	420
Moorshedabad	3	108	15	12	9	11	...	1	26	53	229
Mymensingh	1	387	35	16	8	53	27	5	37	104	665
Noakhally	...	9	23	...	...	30	...	12	4	15	93
Nuddea	4	140	31	33	4	43	...	5	30	31	317
Patna	...	195	47	2	20	14	...	5	25	32	330
Pubna	...	199	19	...	6	6	...	1	17	83	325
Bogra	...	58	26	4	...	4	...	11	20	36	159
Purneah	...	70	9	3	2	10	...	5	5	21	123
Rajshahye	4	55	13	2	4	8	...	...	16	12	110
Maldah	...	14	6	...	...	...	...	6	4	28	58
Rungpore	...	50	50	...	6	38	...	6	4	31	179
Julpaiguri	...	4	35	7	26	3	...	1	5	27	82
Sarun	...	115	124	1	17	23	2	22	10	14	310
Champarun	...	3	13	...	...	15	2	1	2	19	55
Shahabad	5	277	65	14	30	69	...	2	18	39	489
Tipperah	...	441	3	151	20	36	...	1	39	50	721
Mozufferpore	...	109	13	...	61	40	...	1	3	9	175
Durbhanga	...	52	13	2	18	13	...	2	5	17	104
24-Pergunnahs	7	161	27	87	19	23	...	1	66	27	419
Hazareebagh	...	4	5	...	5	10	...	2	8	3	32
Lohardugga	...	4	16	...	1	4	...	8	4	47	121
Manbhoom	...	37	14	...	2	8	...	3	19	14	95
Singbhoom	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	7
TOTAL	49	14,451	1,061	1,184	391	892	38	217	704	1,403	20,019
Calcutta	...	132	2	...	...	130	...	...	222	72	558
GRAND TOTAL	49	14,583	1,063	1,184	391	1,022	38	217	926	1,475	20,577

N.B.—Besides the persons entered in this Statement there were two cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of two persons.

G.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1883 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. convicted of the persons shown in columns 3 and 4, added to those whose cases were referred under Section 374 C. P. C.
Backergunge	102	45	40	3	...	14	45·4
Beerbhum	57	14	22	2	...	19	57·9
Bhagulpore	49	5	27	3	1	13	77·1
Monghyr	66	21	33	...	2	10	61·1
Burdwan	79	22	41	8	...	8	65·
Bankura	58	24	26	6	...	2	50·9
Chittagong	73	45	23	...	...	5	33 8
Cuttack	24	3	18	1	...	2	81·8
Puri	20	7	8	...	...	5	53·3
Balasore	45	14	20	3	1	7	54·
Dacca	159	64	61	1	...	33	48·4
Dinagepore	120	50	61	3	...	6	53·5
Darjeeling	7	2	4	...	...	1	66·6
Furreedpore	80	37	26	1	...	16	40·6
Gya	113	26	69	...	...	18	72·6
Hooghly	62	27	27	7	...	1	49·
Howrah	52	18	22	8	...	4	53·6
Jessore	140	38	92	1	2	7	70·2
Khulna	47	16	21	5	...	5	50·
Midnapore	171	81	62	1	...	27	43·
Moorshedabad	67	24	38	2	...	3	60·3
Mymensingh	187	80	70	1	1	35	46·3
Noakhally	46	23	20	...	...	3	46·5
Nuddea	77	27	33	3	...	14	54·2
Patna	61	18	34	2	1	6	65·3
Pubna	64	25	29	...	...	10	53·7
Bogra	35	16	11	...	...	8	40·7
Purneah	68	25	40	...	...	3	61·5
Rajshahye	37	8	26	...	1	2	76·4
Maldah	29	10	18	1	...	...	62·
Rungpore	138	47	64	11	2	14	56·1
Julpaiguri	20	5	14	...	1	...	73·6
Sarun	147	43	66	1	...	34	60·5
Champarun	73	29	36	4	...	4	53·7
Shahabad	73	23	35	...	...	15	60·3
Tipperah	78	34	38	1	...	5	52·
Mozufferpore	46	12	32	...	...	2	72·7
Durbhanga	57	32	21	...	1	3	39·6
24-Pergunnahs	154	59	83	5	...	7	57·2
Hazareebagh	43	14	26	...	...	3	65·
Lohardugga	57	10	20	3	...	24	60·6
Manbhoom	36	18	17	1	...	...	47·2
Singbhoom	2	1	1	...	...	...	50·
TOTAL	3,119	1,142	1,475	88	13	398	55·4
Calcutta	86	16	66	...	...	4	80·4
GRAND TOTAL	3,205	1,158	1,541	88	13	402	57·7

H.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1883 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4, who were convicted.
Backergunge	9,993	2,652	7,029	86	21	205	72·6
Beerbhum	1,754	633	987	43	1	40	59·1
Bhagulpore	4,221	1,149	2,901	51	...	120	71·7
Monghyr	4,416	1,911	2,284	53	...	168	54·4
Burdwan	4,928	1,655	3,112	47	6	108	65·2
Bankura	2,055	716	1,231	42	...	66	63·2
Chittagong	2,502	885	1,524	29	3	61	63·2
Cuttack	3,907	1,333	2,494	22	...	118	65·1
Puri	3,704	1,329	2,129	18	8	220	61·5
Balasore	2,362	898	1,328	51	2	83	59·6
Dacca	6,783	2,218	4,221	143	11	190	65·5
Dinagepore	2,842	1,100	1,507	136	9	90	57·8
Darjeeling	2,503	416	2,024	11	7	45	82·9
Furreedpore	7,831	2,058	5,484	76	13	200	72·7
Gya	4,206	1,545	2,455	103	9	94	61·4
Hooghly	7,035	2,440	4,460	52	17	66	64·6
Howrah	6,246	1,877	4,234	47	7	81	69·2
Jessore	5,084	2,336	2,411	103	5	229	50·7
Khulna	3,447	1,475	1,759	47	...	166	54·3
Midnapore	6,128	2,737	2,934	132	16	309	51·7
Moorshedabad	5,382	2,330	2,827	64	6	155	54·8
Mymensingh	7,484	3,092	3,793	182	25	392	55·
Noakhally	2,397	915	1,316	53	1	112	58·9
Nuddea	5,270	2,212	2,824	72	37	125	54·7
Patna	10,600	2,440	7,919	58	5	178	76·4
Pubna	2,983	1,224	1,597	65	9	88	56·6
Bogra	2,373	933	1,314	43	4	79	58 4
Purneah	2,801	1,060	1,529	63	10	139	59·
Rajshahye	3,121	1,221	1,738	37	14	111	58·7
Maldah	1,588	548	932	30	2	76	62·9
Rungpore	2,918	1,219	1,493	130	11	65	55·2
Julpaigurt	1,746	642	999	22	13	70	60·8
Sarun	4,616	1,701	2,650	132	5	128	60·9
Champarun	2,524	896	1,485	67	12	64	62·3
Shahabad	4,483	1,751	2,565	68	5	94	59·4
Tipperah	5,167	1,871	3,001	83	3	209	61·5
Mozufferpore	3,240	1,261	1,840	43	5	91	59·3
Durbhanga	4,256	1,083	2,963	57	7	146	73·2
24-Pergunnahs	17,353	5,545	11,486	135	20	167	67·4
Hazareebagh	2,574	1,039	1,402	59	1	73	57·4
Lohardugga	3,055	1,092	1,794	83	3	83	62·1
Manbhoom	1,927	684	1,098	46	1	98	61·6
Singbhoom	401	84	306	3	...	8	78·4
TOTAL	190,266	66,256	115,379	2,887	334	5,410	63·5
Calcutta	35,924	3,017	32,769	79	5	54	91·5
GRAND TOTAL	226,190	69,273	148,148	2,966	339	5,464	68·1

I.

Showing in detail the number of persons who were awaiting trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Criminal lunatics.	Number of Persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial				
		In custody.	On bail.	On recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	Over six months.
Backergunge	7	11	105	80	8	174	22	2	1	...
Beerbhum	1	5	30	3	1	33	6	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	2	25	81	9	3	81	9	22	6	...
Monghyr	...	21	97	50	...	135	31	1	1	...
Burdwan	4	12	75	15	2	83	18	3	...	...
Bankura	...	8	56	2	...	59	7	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	12	41	8	...	53	8	...	...	...
Cuttack	1	12	83	21	...	89	20	5	2	...
Puri	...	20	175	25	...	154	66	...	...	...
Balasore	1	10	63	9	...	71	7	3	1	...
Dacca	...	17	167	6	...	125	40	16	9	...
Dinagepore	1	48	40	1	...	83	6	...	...	...
Darjeeling	...	16	26	3	...	42	3	...	...	...
Furreedpore	1	18	81	96	4	135	59	5	...	...
Gya	...	43	44	7	...	74	18	1	1	...
Hooghly	6	1	51	8	...	45	12	3	...	...
Howrah	...	9	26	46	...	79	2	...	...	...
Jessore	...	18	201	11	...	156	60	5	9	...
Khulna	...	9	150	5	2	106	37	21	2	...
Midnapore	1	44	202	26	36	241	59	5	3	...
Moorshedabad	1	9	142	3	...	144	8	...	2	...
Mymensingh	13	33	310	10	26	267	72	8	32	...
Noakhally	...	17	86	9	...	101	9	...	1	1
Nuddea	5	17	91	9	3	106	11	2	1	...
Patna	4	31	75	63	5	120	40	13	1	...
Pubna	3	11	74	2	...	78	9	...	...	...
Bogra	...	10	69	...	...	62	16	...	1	...
Purneah	...	27	111	1	...	118	18	3	...	...
Rajshahye	...	14	96	1	...	78	32	1	...	...
Maldah	...	1	74	1	...	64	10	2	...	...
Rungpore	4	22	37	2	...	58	3	...	...	...
Julpaiguri	...	19	40	9	2	61	9	...	...	...
Sarun	2	53	47	26	...	77	34	15	...	...
Champarun	...	23	34	7	...	59	5	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	12	68	11	3	69	15	9	1	...
Tipperah	11	29	144	25	...	128	67	3	...	...
Mozufferpore	2	20	41	27	1	66	17	5	1	...
Durbhanga	...	34	83	20	...	106	23	14	3	...
24-Pergunnahs	15	23	89	24	16	139	11	1	1	...
Hazareebagh	1	20	44	8	...	66	3	...	1	2
Lohardugga	...	24	38	21	...	68	14	1	...	...
Manbhoom	...	36	56	6	...	68	28	2	...	...
Singbhoom	1	2	...	2	3	6	1	...	...	...
Total	88	846	3,643	727	110	4,127	945	171	80	3

J.

Showing the number of witnesses examined, and the amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and of Magistrates in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
					R	R	R	R
Backergunge	432	373	16,168	15,926	463	416	124	461
Beerbhum	210	234	4,367	4,209	687	562	120	193
Bhagulpore	106	251	7,351	8,974	205	591	208	522
Monghyr	185	211	8,471	9,139	181	417	291	584
Burdwan	285	321	8,911	8,894	860	758	789	968
Bankura	227	355	4,746	4,653	489	683	520	566
Chittagong	186	246	6,838	6,472	389	965	1,357	815
Cuttack	182	107	8,892	7,933	183	110	256	682
Puri	186	78	5,362	6,116	488	329	35	141
Balasore	266	274	5,835	5,839	241	302	512	826
Dacca	331	469	16,483	16,532	468	655	354	625
Dinagepore	209	424	6,260	6,356	112	366	218	446
Darjeeling	97	45	3,864	4,008	177	129	87	125
Furreedpore	272	237	10,859	9,240	242	234	101	131
Gya	390	394	10,007	9,995	350	355	43	329
Hooghly	301	261	15,314	14,901	570	625	614	1,205
Howrah	169	183	12,006	10,786	272	564	222	234
Jessore	378	366	12,653	11,362	311	413	750	891
Khulna	129	194	5,380	6,502	139	77	154	235
Midnapore	827	575	14,6[illegible]7	13,468	2,050	2,485	3,205	8,243
Moorshedabad	153	282	12,010	12,683	230	265	223	186
Mymensingh	711	671	16,073	21,380	805	652	158	168
Noakhally	121	130	6,093	5,529	304	429	275	310
Nuddea	308	266	14,787	12,613	728	744	691	537
Patna	292	163	11,261	11,056	702	458	249	378
Pubna	135	170	9,251	8,381	896	257	520	237
Bogra	198	101	5,537	6,162	165	13	171	266
Purneah	203	278	6,947	6,457	408	368	147	253
Rajshahye	343	142	8,332	10,170	615	72	434	338
Maldah	102	133	4,821	4,092	92	97	107	55
Rungpore	327	364	6,815	10,608	502	750	336	341
Julpaiguri	80	79	4,511	4,450	53	63	183	284
Sarun	401	488	9,774	11,169	158	479	120	562
Champarun	297	242	7,184	7,597	126	73	65	628
Shahabad	221	206	13,952	12,774	202	332	303	474
Tipperah	423	210	13,522	11,406	290	248	416	393
Mozufferpore	233	145	6,244	6,363	123	148	183	117
Durbhanga	270	124	7,044	6,340	41	53	179	220
24-Pergunnahs	536	636	26 813	24,398	1,326	1,843	1,337	901
Hazareebagh	136	171	5,686	6,335	107	66	495	342
Lohardugga	212	114	6,166	6,874	181	153	246	175
Manbhoom	178	144	5,613	5,107	137	128	587	578
Singbhoom	16	8	1,006	1,041	25	7	24	13
TOTAL	11,284	10,865	394,756	394,290	17,153	18,734	17,398	20,928
Calcutta	435	486	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	11,719	11,351	394,756	394,290	17,153	18,734	17,398	20,928

K.

Showing the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1883.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Backergunge	261	252	153	132	14,833	3,505	1,171	837
Beerbhum	55	103	77	84	4,871	605	88	...
Bhagulpore	127	70	58	47	7,254	1,711	757	645
Monghyr	147	19	33	56	8,289	1,854	460	139
Burdwan	91	131	73	183	8,997	1,322	246	...
Bankura	100	140	68	132	4,998	737	112	28
Chittagong	53	35	9	371	6,903	1,467	480	8
Cuttack	76	16	17	43	8,357	1,001	243	207
Puri	41	25	12	44	5,219	1,263	304	66
Balasore	114	124	18	80	6,384	397	100	9
Dacca	485	206	38	...	15,788	2,803	771	196
Dinagepore	396	170	88	...	5,677	955	439	...
Darjeeling	43	19	...	...	4,602	601	121	20
Furreedpore	116	106	45	176	9,368	1,561	564	409
Gya	15	260	168	127	11,254	1,704	229	41
Hooghly	95	87	24	161	16,462	1,101	114	21
Howrah	142	115	116	41	12,754	1,145	268	100
Jessore	355	45	14	...	10,332	1,721	577	298
Khulna	146	133	...	...	6,664	1,411	1,048	10
Midnapore	261	533	242	340	13,435	4,065	1,547	420
Moorshedabad	225	125	31	...	13,110	2,041	159	11
Mymensingh	560	260	47	126	17,249	5,478	1,547	130
Noakhally	121	100	36	43	6,731	929	81	43
Nuddea	255	139	2	80	14,846	2,020	220	30
Patna	166	30	24	6	12,160	1,536	192	118
Pubna	172	78	12	52	7,849	1,896	713	391
Bogra	120	17	12	...	6,728	755	138	13
Purneah	112	112	91	61	8,035	1,493	514	82
Rajshahye	170	71	27	...	9,137	1,578	376	...
Maldah	80	131	26	59	3,112	1,631	192	5
Rungpore	236	149	118	106	8,723	2,277	617	...
Julpaiguri	72	9	28	...	4,600	230	68	5
Sarun	347	179	63	132	10,971	1,982	408	...
Champarun	224	82	62	...	8,614	419	81	23
Shahabad	322	137	8	4	14,710	1,545	320	62
Tipperah	107	66	106	61	12,608	3,163	960	353
Mozufferpore	169	19	5	...	7,439	486	63	6
Durbhanga	193	45	3	28	6,095	1,233	478	347
24-Pergunnahs	473	319	158	162	27,099	4,492	668	67
Hazareebagh	67	73	25	51	5,952	1,066	433	47
Lohardugga	43	33	20	56	7,148	359	26	14
Manbhoom	62	64	8	95	4,640	482	237	74
Singbhoom	3	4	...	1	1,020	175	68	56
TOTAL	7,418	4,831	2,164	3,690	401,017	68,195	18,248	5,331

L.

Showing the total amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1882 and 1883, the amount realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
	Total amount of Fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of Fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	1,435	155	768	497	...	100	21,598	15,806	20,275	14,362	1,250	1,353
Beerbhum	50	...	...	...	...	...	4,962	6,508	4,084	5,467	397	255
Bhagulpore	...	300	...	300	...	..	13,464	18,518	11,813	11,225	312	172
Monghyr	5	20	5	20	...	...	12,074	8,299	8,659	7,180	294	243
Burdwan	...	300	...	...	...	...	11,351	8,735	10,341	8,255	1,074	1,146
Bankura	170	195	67	52	...	...	5,574	4,367	5,770	5,042	120	508
Chittagong	95	10	74	26	...	...	14,924	12,644	13,965	11,300	661	838
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,595	10,616	10,500	8,738	1,150	1,568
Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,246	8,842	7,304	7,721	489	572
Balasore	...	...	3	...	...	...	9,551	6,379	9,420	5,971	767	675
Dacca	...	2,450	8	822	...	...	30,960	37,073	29,565	32,983	2,659	1,029
Dinagepore	...	321	25	1,000	...	...	7,706	9,006	5,891	7,429	554	596
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,976	15,352	9,704	12,662	322	330
Furreedpore	550	50	171	...	...	...	26,163	22,091	19,504	20,995	930	1,254
Gya	755	550	295	101	...	...	12,484	14,996	12,191	11,898	532	1,142
Hooghly	500	450	108	859	...	334	29,851	20,077	25,457	17,017	1,746	1,659
Howrah	...	500	...	...	...	...	25,377	19,499	24,389	17,294	1,555	800
Jessore	825	930	109	294	...	...	17,181	14,736	13,469	12,725	985	1,048
Khulna	570	150	...	43	...	...	6,075	8,488	6,067	8,167	647	1,061
Midnapore	505	225	327	149	100	125	17,565	16,433	16,932	15,840	2,106	2,185
Moorshedabad	20	5	20	55	20	...	17,373	18,794	16,118	15,328	1,211	815
Mymensingh	4,966	1,550	1,221	972	...	...	32,175	30,806	28,682	26,932	1,796	1,887
Noakhally	...	...	8	...	...	...	14,632	11,444	14,239	10,248	634	1,101
Nuddea	350	50	317	215	100	...	17,788	15,134	15,681	15,085	1,284	2,266
Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,722	18,175	14,609	15,909	382	206
Pubna	300	...	388	165	...	...	17,553	8,420	13,662	9,998	823	909
Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,327	8,715	4,352	8,928	261	312
Purneah	50	50	50	50	20	20	14,620	16,941	11,511	12,011	796	1,216
Rajshahye	50	100	18	105	...	...	13,491	16,921	10,548	13,848	2,203	1,244
Maldah	...	20	...	...	...	...	9,374	9,013	8,304	8,778	631	573
Rungpore	...	520	...	145	...	...	13,314	15,666	13,203	12,597	856	1,568
Julpaiguri	...	...	...	11	...	...	4,624	6,355	4,722	5,239	138	40
Sarun	560	550	94	659	...	270	14,789	16,195	14,210	13,522	945	287
Champarun	...	200	...	12	...	...	10,038	9,731	8,750	9,322	110	213
Shahabad	100	...	100	...	...	...	16,939	16,521	16,118	15,680	930	351
Tipperah	1,470	240	859	309	...	...	20,843	17,343	19,221	16,392	1,404	912
Mozufferpore	...	200	50	300	...	...	11,296	9,334	9,276	8,271	607	861
Durbhanga	775	...	315	9	...	...	14,532	9,200	12,269	8,008	577	365
24-Pergunnahs	140	650	...	52	...	...	46,004	48,332	43,095	50,098	2,922	1,830
Hazareebagh	100	700	195	827	...	...	10,176	11,167	8,568	10,078	300	439
Lohardugga	250	50	100	413	...	...	6,291	8,884	6,704	6,718	127	489
Manbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,015	8,670	8,221	7,478	798	850
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	..	...	1,668	1,571	1,385	1,303	117	79
TOTAL	14,591	11,491	5,695	8,462	240	849	6,38,256	6,11,797	5,68,748	5,44,94[illegible]	38,420	37,247
Calcutta	2,660	500	110	600	...	...	71,892	88,540	66,316	78,039	3,189	7,461
GRAND TOTAL	17,251	11,991	5,805	9,062	240	849	7,10,148	7,00,337	6,35,064	6,22,981	41,609	44,708

L

Showing particulars of whippings inflicted in 1883 by the

DISTRICTS.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).													II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864).						
													Number.							
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.									
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
Backergunge	2	...	4	...	11	...	7	...	1	...	15	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Beerbhum	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	...	12	...	12	...	16	...	6	...	1	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	3	...	2	...	11	...	11	...	5	...	2	...	34	...	...	2	3	...	1	6
Burdwan	1	...	15	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bankura	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Chittagong	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	1	9	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
Cuttack	2	...	6	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Balasore	2	...	8	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	4	...	9	...	13	3	7	1	1	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	1	1	4	6
Dinagepore	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Darjeeling	2	...	31	...	6	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	44	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Furreedpore	1	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	2	...	19	...	25	...	8	1	3	1	...	...	59	...	...	...	2	2	4	8
Hooghly	...	...	3	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howrah	2	...	8	1	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Jessore	...	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna	...	...	2	...	10	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	1	...	4	...	6	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
Moorshedabad	3	...	10	...	5	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
Mymensingh	3	...	12	...	3	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	27	...	...	1	2	...	1	4
Noakhally	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Nuddea	7	...	6	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	17	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
Patna	5	...	17	...	10	...	9	1	2	...	1	...	45	...	...	1	4	1	6	12
Pubna	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	2	...	2	...	7	...	2	...	2	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	1	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Rungpore	...	...	4	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	4	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Julpaiguri	2	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	13	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Sarun	...	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	3	...	4	1	18	...	...	...	1	...	4	5
Champarun	1	...	47	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	53	...	...	1	3	2	2	8
Shahabad	5	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Tipperah	1	...	2	...	4	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	18	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Mozufferpore	...	...	30	...	13	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Durbhanga	2	...	14	...	5	...	5	..	1	...	9	1	37	...	1	1	2	...	4	8
24-Pergunnahs	3	...	25	...	18	...	8	...	3	...	...	...	57	...	1	...	1	1	5	8
Hazareebagh	2	...	4	...	5	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	3	...	...	3
Lohardugga	...	...	4	...	9	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	1	...	5	6
Manbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	66	...	341	1	211	6	185	4	41	1	53	3	912	...	2	11	37	7	47	104
Calcutta	10	6	54	3	26	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	103	1	11	20	5	...	6	43
GRAND TOTAL	76	6	395	4	237	9	186	4	41	1	53	3	1,015	1	13	31	42	7	53	147

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Criminal Tribunals in each District in Bengal.

III.—Inflicted under Section 5, Act VI of 1864 on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.													Relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.					
of stripes.																		
5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.								
1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	Total.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishment.	Percentage of whipping.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Number of convicted persons liable to punishment under Act VI of 1864.	Percentage sentenced to whipping.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	7,029	·59	42	614	6·84
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,009	·19	2	132	1·51
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	2,883	1·63	47	322	14·59
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	40	2,277	1·75	40	393	10·17
1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	29	3,128	·92	29	270	10·74
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	1,248	·72	9	304	2·96
...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	1,532	·97	15	327	4·59
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2,497	·64	16	376	4·25
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	2,133	·18	4	891	·44
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1,337	·89	12	232	5·17
...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	50	4,233	1·17	50	973	5·13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1,566	·31	5	1,503	·33
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	47	1,981	2·37	47	432	10·87
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5,499	·21	12	281	4·27
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	68	2,456	2·76	68	499	13·62
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4,481	·2	9	1,711	·52
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4,247	·37	16	320	5·
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2,493	·44	11	468	2·35
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	1,763	1·19	21	1,157	1·81
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2,980	·57	17	450	3·77
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	2,837	1·05	30	458	6·55
...	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	39	3,825	1·01	39	471	8·28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1,336	·75	10	159	6·29
2	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	22	2,838	·77	22	1,082	2·03
1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	60	7,897	·76	60	1,348	4·45
1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	1,622	·24	4	121	3·30
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1,319	·45	6	268	2·23
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1,554	·9	15	502	2·98
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1,760	·34	6	388	1·54
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	949	·21	2	286	·69
...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	1,524	2·42	37	973	3·80
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	999	1·4	14	188	7·44
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	3,004	·85	23	531	4·33
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	63	1,461	4·31	63	477	13·20
...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	2,577	·89	23	371	6·19
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	19	3,021	·62	19	2,278	·83
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	56	1,617	3·11	56	787	7·11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	2,939	1·53	45	305	14·75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	11,508	·56	65	817	7·95
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1,409	1·34	19	473	4·01
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	24	1,793	1·34	24	439	5·46
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,114	·17	2	227	·88
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	305	·65	2	33	6·06
6	...	22	...	12	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	42	1,058	115,860	·91	1,058	24,637	4·29
...	...	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	154	32,680	·47	154	795	19·27
6	...	27	...	15	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	50	1,212	148,540	·81	1,212	25,432	4·76

M.

Showing the number of Appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	1882.						1883.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.
Backergunge	265	109	259	97	9	12	209	123	191	135	28	...
Beerbhum	31	20	30	20	1	...	47	19	48	17	...	1
Bhagulpore	60	20	60	21	2	...	64	53	64	50	2	3
Monghyr	68	46	71	43	7	7	64	54	64	58	7	3
Burdwan	52	48	48	45	9	3	103	31	104	33	8	1
Bankura	41	13	32	13	10	1	44	8	52	8	2	1
Chittagong	46	71	42	66	6	6	110	37	109	41	6	2
Cuttack	42	29	40	29	3	...	102	31	92	17	12	4
Puri	28	9	28	9	1	1	74	43	69	39	6	5
Balasore	63	65	64	67	2	2	40	43	40	43	2	2
Dacca	200	79	205	80	5	2	362	147	334	147	33	2
Dinagepore	34	20	34	19	...	1	30	105	30	104	...	2
Darjeeling	21	17	20	17	1	...	21	9	22	9	...	...
Furreedpore	180	33	172	34	15	1	92	21	91	21	16	1
Gya	99	26	102	27	3	...	158	71	156	34	4	37
Hooghly	61	41	61	41	5	1	82	20	85	21	2	...
Howrah	33	18	36	17	2	1	37	32	33	32	6	1
Jessore	124	66	127	65	2	2	72	34	69	35	5	1
Khulna	25	24	22	21	3	3	62	48	64	47	1	4
Midnapore	145	102	145	94	4	11	145	107	142	117	7	1
Moorshedabad	94	40	93	42	1	...	129	94	124	92	6	2
Mymensingh	274	111	272	110	19	4	415	124	433	120	1	8
Noakhally	102	46	104	46	...	...	76	116	76	113	...	3
Nuddea	123	41	118	41	13	1	198	35	201	34	10	1
Patna	157	66	156	73	2	2	189	71	185	67	6	6
Pubna	120	44	126	42	3	2	129	40	129	35	1	7
Bogra	26	26	30	20	...	6	46	47	45	50	1	3
Purneah	24	76	26	78	...	4	33	50	32	44	1	10
Rajshahye	65	64	66	69	2	...	144	76	135	75	10	1
Maldah	11	81	12	80	...	3	19	80	18	78	1	5
Rungpore	38	10	32	14	6	...	128	27	132	27	2	...
Jalpaiguri	18	16	17	16	1	1	12	11	13	11	...	1
Sarun	77	76	75	70	3	10	89	98	89	97	3	11
Champarun	38	15	37	16	1	...	92	12	83	11	10	1
Shahabad	162	64	160	70	7	2	159	93	163	90	3	5
Tipperah	211	57	216	55	5	4	171	70	175	72	1	2
Mozufferpore	79	9	84	10	1	1	73	14	72	15	2	...
Durbhanga	104	22	104	22	2	2	87	44	82	45	7	1
24-Pergunnahs	98	66	105	61	2	5	165	35	160	40	6	...
Hazareebagh	48	24	47	22	2	2	40	29	40	30	2	1
Lohardugga	99	94	101	99	5	2	70	82	72	79	3	5
Manbhoom	28	33	28	34	1	1	17	51	17	52	1	...
Singbhoom	3	8	3	8	...	...	4	4	4	4	...	...
Total	3,617	1,945	3,610	1,023	166	106	4,453	2,339	4,389	2,299	224	144

N.

Showing the number of applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	1882.						1883.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.
Backergunge	56	57	56	56	...	2	62	55	57	56	5	1
Beerbhum	8	7	9	7	...	...	12	2	12	2	...	...
Bhagulpore	16	1	15	3	1	...	7	9	8	9	...	...
Monghyr	14	24	13	21	1	4	8	39	9	38	...	5
Burdwan	8	22	7	21	1	2	10	29	9	29	2	1
Bankura	...	2	...	2	...	...	10	...	10	...	...	...
Chittagong	51	9	45	11	7	...	92	8	95	8	4	...
Cuttack	12	6	15	7	...	...	24	22	23	13	1	9
Puri	2	7	2	4	...	3	8	11	8	14	...	...
Balasore	6	2	6	2	...	...	6	3	6	1	...	2
Dacca	29	55	27	54	1	6	64	65	63	71	2	...
Dinagepore	7	32	7	35	...	...	2	34	2	33	...	1
Darjeeling	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	4	...	...
Furreedpore	13	29	16	29	1	...	9	26	6	26	4	...
Gya	31	9	32	9	1	...	23	6	20	6	4	...
Hooghly	11	6	11	6	1	...	12	19	11	17	2	2
Howrah	13	13	15	12	3	1	4	44	7	45	...	...
Jessore	15	25	16	24	...	1	22	25	22	25	...	1
Khulna	3	3	3	2	...	1	8	...	8	1	...	...
Midnapore	49	30	47	30	3	...	80	18	82	17	1	1
Moorshedabad	14	8	13	8	1	...	23	8	19	8	5	...
Mymensingh	70	101	93	108	3	4	46	87	49	90	...	1
Noakhally	19	8	18	8	1	...	24	33	25	32	...	1
Nuddea	13	19	14	18	...	1	18	15	17	16	1	...
Patna	83	9	81	9	3	...	67	13	68	13	2	...
Pubna	34	12	41	15	...	...	15	5	14	5	1	...
Bogra	2	11	2	10	...	1	2	16	2	17	...	...
Purneah	4	26	4	27	...	2	19	35	19	37	...	...
Rajshahye	12	20	13	21	...	...	26	10	25	10	1	...
Maldah	1	12	1	11	...	1	...	26	..	22	...	5
Rungpore	20	4	19	4	1	...	61	1	60	1	2	...
Julpaiguri	9	...	8	...	1	...	2	2	3	2	...	...
Sarun	12	69	12	67	...	7	17	88	16	83	1	12
Champarun	4	9	4	9	...	...	12	10	10	10	2	...
Shahabad	4	69	7	68	...	1	4	69	4	69	...	1
Tipperah	57	74	57	73	2	2	49	23	50	24	1	1
Mozufferpore	31	37	36	35	...	4	20	32	19	35	1	1
Durbhanga	10	53	11	52	1	3	13	56	14	55	...	4
24-Pergunnahs	24	93	29	92	...	2	18	78	17	74	1	
Hazareebagh	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Lohardugga	2	14	2	14	...	1	5	8	5	9	...	..
Manbhoom	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	770	996	868	992	33	50	905	1,038	895	1,032	43	55

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Showing the number of persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on appeal, or application for revision with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts, 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Application for revision.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of applicants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge	552	53·9	331	61·5	204	2·03	169	88·
Beerbhum	97	32·3	63	70·	16	·92	11	68·7
Bhagulpore	204	31·7	116	57·7	21	·50	21	87·5
Monghyr	201	16·3	98	56·3	91	2·09	78	82·1
Burdwan	243	15·7	159	64·3	73	1·40	38	51·3
Bankura	79·	20·4	43	51·1	19	·93	17	89·4
Chittagong	202	32·7	139	66·1	114	4·60	67	57·2
Cuttack	225	23·1	108	65·4	62	1·52	42	80·7
Puri	207	19·1	127	69·4	20	·55	18	78·2
Balasore	135	14·	109	79·5	16	·68	13	92·8
Dacca	822	36·8	546	69·6	167	2·47	140	78·6
Dinagepore	218	16·5	158	73·1	40	1·42	21	53·8
Darjeeling	34	3·8	24	66·6	3	·12	4	100·
Furreedpore	174	20·3	101	53·7	60	·77	40	80·
Gya	304	28·7	158	63·2	46	1·10	23	65·7
Hooghly	146	12·1	103	68·6	48	·64	20	60·4
Howrah	145	4·5	102	74·4	60	·96	44	61·
Jessore	212	15·1	143	67·7	61	1·23	43	70·4
Khulna	180	17·7	119	66·4	17	·49	12	60·
Midnapore	380	31·6	253	64·8	164	2·74	126	76·8
Moorshedabad	374	30·	180	49·1	43	·80	29	82·8
Mymensingh	802	56·8	493	57·3	151	2·05	136	85·5
Noakhally	256	28·6	184	72·7	73	3·11	50	68·5
Nuddea	355	28·7	224	62·	57	1·07	35	61·4
Patna	383	36·3	272	71·0	110	1·04	94	84·7
Pubna	336	52·9	258	80·6	31	1·03	21	70·
Bogra	138	18·6	110	75·3	18	·75	10	52·6
Purneah	128	15·5	87	73·1	64	2·35	47	71·2
Rajshahye	353	37·6	187	55·4	50	1·63	33	67·3
Maldah	127	17·4	102	82·9	38	2·46	17	68·
Rungpore	236	31·8	157	64·8	96	3·29	42	46·1
Julpaiguri	47	9·	23	47·9	5	·29	10	100·
Sarun	393	20·1	229	58·7	161	3·53	120	84·8
Champarun	160	23·3	96	74·8	28	1·12	19	79·1
Shahabad	409	40·9	301	72·7	173	3·69	138	79·7
Tipperah	354	30·1	245	67·8	138	2·63	96	68·5
Mozufferpore	137	29·	101	73·1	65	2·	48	68·5
Durbhanga	180	23·2	132	75·	85	2·04	56	65·8
24-Pergunnahs	290	12·3	176	58·6	128	·73	66	53·6
Hazareebagh	107	11·9	60	58·8	2	·07	...	...
Lohardugga	250	36·4	148	61·9	18	·58	14	73·6
Manbhoom	115	13·2	81	69·2	5	·26	2	40·
Singbhoom	20	11·9	17	85·	...	...	...	...
Total	10,710	23·5	6,863	65·4	2,841	1·49	2,048	72·7

P.

Showing the number of appeals and applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1882 and 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for revision.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	19	17	15	22	5	...	21	9	21	9	...	...
Beerbhum	8	13	9	10	...	3	4	5	4	5	...	...
Bhagulpore	8	17	10	16	...	1	16	15	15	16	1	...
Monghyr	13	12	16	12	...	...	15	30	14	28	1	
Burdwan	5	14	4	15	1	...	11	15	13	15	...	...
Bankura	9	5	9	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Chittagong	13	9	12	11	3	1	11	23	10	20	1	4
Cuttack	22	17	22	18	1	...	6	3	7	3	...	...
Puri	1	3	1	3	...	...	2	3	2	3	...	...
Balasore	18	19	17	16	2	5	5	1	6	1	...	...
Dacca	34	34	38	35	1	...	26	25	29	24	1	2
Dinagepore	12	22	11	21	1	2	2	6	2	6	...	...
Darjeeling	6	3	6	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Furreedpore	15	15	17	16	1	...	13	15	15	15	...	...
Gya	17	22	17	22	...	...	21	13	21	12	...	1
Hooghly	10	12	10	12	...	...	12	19	13	19	...	...
Howrah	7	5	6	6	1	...	11	12	12	13	1	...
Jessore	27	21	25	23	2	...	13	8	13	10	2	...
Khulna	...	14	...	12	...	2	...	5	...	5	...	...
Midnapore	33	30	34	31	4	3	17	21	16	22	1	...
Moorshedabad	11	14	13	13	...	1	20	10	20	10	...	...
Mymensingh	59	37	56	42	6	1	42	22	43	22	...	...
Noakhally	6	14	6	7	...	7	7	10	5	12	2	...
Nuddea	11	18	11	16	...	2	13	14	13	13	...	1
Patna	23	21	25	21	...	...	30	21	34	21	...	...
Pubna	6	12	4	12	2	2	26	16	30	16	...	...
Bogra	5	7	6	6	...	1	5	4	6	4	...	...
Purneah	7	15	8	15	...	...	1	9	1	9	...	...
Rajahahye	15	9	14	8	2	3	13	18	13	18	...	...
Maldah	16	10	9	13	7	4	2	3	2	3	...	...
Rungpore	20	24	20	21	1	4	11	34	10	35	1	...
Julpaiguri	4	5	5	3	...	2	3	2	4	2	...	...
Sarun	26	41	28	37	1	5	6	17	6	17	...	...
Champarun	26	17	26	18	1	...	3	9	2	9	1	1
Shahabad	23	20	22	21	2	1	12	11	14	10	...	1
Tipperah	24	16	20	19	5	2	25	13	25	14	1	...
Mozufferpore	22	19	21	17	1	3	13	16	13	12	...	4
Durbhanga	17	12	16	13	1	...	17	11	17	10	...	1
24-Pergunnahs	23	33	22	33	1	1	43	31	42	31	1	1
Hazareebagh	12	12	13	7	...	5	3	3	3	3	...	...
Lohardugga	15	9	15	9	...	...	6	7	6	7	...	...
Manbhoom	2	8	3	8	...	...	11	4	7	8	4	...
Singbhoom	2	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Rangoon	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	652	679	646	669	52	62	518	515	530	514	18	19
Calcutta	9	12	10	12	...	...	8	6	12	6	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	661	691	656	681	52	62	526	521	542	520	18	19

Q.

Showing the result, as affecting persons, of appeals and applications for revision in the High Court in 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Backergunge	26	10	4	2	...	...	1	1	4	1	11	...
Beerbhum	7	1	1	1	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...
Bhagulpore	10	5	1	1	...	...	17	25	12	1	...	...
Monghyr	7	11	4	...	...	...	24	1	40	5	5	...
Burdwan	37	3	...	1	...	...	23	5	7	...	3	...
Bankura	8	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
Chittagong	13	1	2	...	...	...	5	4	16	1	1	...
Cuttack	6	11	...	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Puri	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Balasore	6	5	5	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	..
Dacca	43	...	...	6	1	...	32	0	7	...	7	...
Dinagepore	23	7	2	2	...	...	2	...	3	1	...	...
Darjeeling	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	11	6	3	4	...	...	7	11	18	...	3	...
Gya	34	1	...	...	...	...	9	2	5	2	...	...
Hooghly	11	1	1	1	3	...	7	3	10	1	1	...
Howrah	4	...	...	2	...	...	10	3	8	1	2	..
Jessore	26	18	3	12	...	...	...	5	47	4	...	...
Khulna	7	8	...	3	...	...	7	4	...	3	...	...
Midnapore	26	10	5	2	...	...	20	8	14	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	15	2	...	...	...	...	8	...	9	1	...	..
Mymensingh	39	12	4	7	...	...	16	12	2	...	1	...
Noakhally	7	...	...	1	...	...	5	4	4	1	...	...
Nuddea	16	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	7	...	...	...
Patna	22	...	1	2	...	...	35	4	10	2	...	...
Pubna	10	11	2	...	...	...	22	5	26	...	1	...
Bogra	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...
Purneah	7	11	4	2	...	1	4	4	3	...	1	...
Rajshahye	4	7	...	...	...	...	12	20	2	3	...	..
Maldah	12	8	...	1	...	...	5	1	1	...	.	..
Rungpore	13	27	1	5	...	...	27	13	25	2	7	...
Julpaiguri	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...		...
Sarun	44	7	2	3	...	...	13	5	7	...	...	...
Champarun	17	9	...	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	...	...
Shahabad	24	4	2	2	...	...	1	8	4	2	20	.
Tipperah	33	10	1	1	...	...	10	1	38	2	...	...
Mozufferpore	17	2	1	...	...	...	7	4	5	7	2	...
Darbhanga	9	3	1	...	...	...	18	2	...	...		...
24-Pergunnahs	36	4	...	3	...	...	28	14	10	...	3	
Hazareebagh	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	..
Lohardugga	15	3	...	...	...	...	9	1	3	...	3	...
Manbhoom	11	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	3	..	..
Singbhoom	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total	680	222	56	78	4	2	419	190	355	46	71	...
Calcutta	6	2	4	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1	...
GRAND TOTAL	686	224	60	78	4	2	420	191	357	47	72	...

R.

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1883 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining from 1882.	Filed in 1883.	Disposed of in 1883.	Remaining at the close of 1883.
Appeals.				
By persons convicted. — From the orders of the Presidency Magistrates.	...	12	12	...
By persons convicted. — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Cr. P. C.	...	1	1	...
By persons convicted. — Sessions Judges . .	52	677	667	62
By the Local Government. — From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts.	...	1	1	...
Total .	52	691	681	62
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury, and referred under Section 307, Cr. P. C.	3	15	16	2
Cases in which sentence of death passed by Sessions Judges was referred for confirmation under Section 374, Cr. P. C.	7	38	41	4
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Cr. P. C.	...	5	5	...
Total .	10	58	62	6
Revision.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Sections 432 and 438, Cr. P. C.	7	188	188	7
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Cr. P. C.—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates .	10	301	303	8
(2) Ditto by Sessions Judges .	1	26	23	4
Cases dealt with under Section 526 Cr. P. C. .	...	6	6	...
Total .	18	521	520	19
Full Bench References	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court	1	41	40	2
Total .	1	41	40	2
GRAND TOTAL .	81	1,311	1,303	89

S.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1883.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.					TOTAL.	CHARGES.						TOTAL.	Results, plus or minus.
	In Court-fee stamps.		In cash or special stamps.				Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.			
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	6,527	9,567	13,911	2,475	3,554	36,034	52,619	3,358	256	11,382	1,169	9,058	77,842	—41,808
Beerbhum	1,933	2,069	5,212	339	312	9,865	17,575	1,559	2	5,827	169	3,438	28,570	—18,705
Bhagulpore	3,209	5,741	11,411	2,108	266	22,735	36,274	2,412	...	9,352	1,053	4,518	53,609	—30,874
Monghyr	3,639	5,994	8,397	1,750	659	20,448	34,931	2,041	240	7,110	879	5,274	50,475	—30,027
Burdwan	4,717	5,588	7,119	1,590	3,932	22,946	37,259	2,027	...	11,958	794	5,937	57,975	—35,029
Bankura	2,016	1,806	5,094	458	2,145	11,519	24,146	1,455	2	7,649	229	2,318	35,799	—24,280
Chittagong	2,920	4,800	11,331	1,471	1,646	22,238	48,916	1,842	240	10,364	734	2,922	65,018	—42,780
Cuttack	1,609	4,338	7,870	471	545	14,833	40,762	1,287	...	9,238	257	2,927	54,471	—39,638
Puri	1,059	2,850	7,320	399	494	12,122	15,988	944	...	6,612	185	1,286	25,015	—12,893
Balasore	1,198	3,068	5,553	473	246	10,538	20,936	537	...	7,107	150	3,486	32,216	—21,678
Dacca	12,595	12,455	34,190	2,443	2,449	64,132	42,753	4,974	7	13,599	1,221	11,379	73,933	—9,801
Dinagepore	2,658	256	9,467	378	577	13,336	29,784	1,626	4,768	348	182	2,865	39,573	—26,237
Darjeeling	386	626	12,727	131	530	14,400	20,114	516	...	699	63	4,142	25,534	—11,134
Furreedpore	6,126	7,583	20,035	1,374	1,126	36,224	44,261	3,153	240	10,050	695	4,832	63,231	—26,907
Gya	2,591	4,780	10,857	957	240	19,425	47,668	2,188	...	9,324	470	7,250	66,900	—47,481
Hooghly	6,839	9,698	17,948	2,036	602	37,123	49,318	2,428	20	11,851	999	7,572	72,188	—35,065
Howrah	3,633	5,373	17,981	1,109	799	28,895	34,944	1,321	...	6,931	554	5,797	49,547	—20,652
Jessore	7,078	7,084	12,631	1,141	734	28,668	36,510	4,217	60	13,106	560	5,314	59,767	—31,099
Khulna	3,097	4,325	7,214	592	163	15,391	17,287	1,883	20	6,138	312	2,779	28,419	—13,028
Midnapore	7,854	9,377	16,216	3,884	499	37,780	48,560	3,325	500	14,243	1,915	11,268	79,811	—42,031
Moorshedabad	4,338	5,489	14,568	1,296	293	25,984	37,750	1,906	12	11,751	848	7,217	59,284	—33,300
Mymensingh	8,997	16,253	28,727	2,507	1,543	58,027	62,784	4,897	50	15,503	1,166	12,456	96,356	—38,329
Noakhally	7,609	6,319	9,403	720	390	24,530	25,687	3,234	8	9,867	359	2,870	42,025	—17,495
Nuddea	4,693	5,337	13,537	1,139	420	25,126	64,255	2,740	49	3,040	465	4,423	74,978	—49,852
Patna	3,686	6,195	15,923	1,987	591	28,382	48,927	3,113	61	13,338	896	6,972	79,307	—44,925
Pubna	5,864	5,943	10,454	1,613	766	24,640	47,286	2,465	11	7,955	776	7,606	66,119	—41,479
Bogra	2,402	2,887	8,616	539	70	14,004	19,573	870	1	6,439	239	3,369	30,491	—15,887
Purneah	3,694	4,730	13,470	1,156	49,716	72,766	31,530	1,788	...	10,363	578	3,708	47,967	+24,799
Rajshahye	3,688	3,272	12,819	1,305	678	21,822	32,714	2,718	13	9,408	682	1,713	47,248	—25,426
Maldah	2,656	2,123	8,574	420	448	14,221	19,842	1,013	4	5,447	210	2,295	29,411	—15,190
Rungpore	6,576	5,263	11,174	1,375	162	24,550	44,302	3,079	4	12,734	633	10,758	71,510	—46,960
Julpaiguri	1,308	1,868	5,250	298	76	8,785	20,416	1,319	1	5,466	125	3,279	30,606	—21,821
Sarun	5,026	6,801	13,604	1,705	46,558	73,784	37,481	3,354	8	9,303	866	6,968	57,980	+15,804
Champarun	3,348	4,028	9,339	784	2,689	20,188	21,247	1,939	6	5,836	443	2,817	32,288	—12,100
Shahabad	4,442	10,120	15,546	1,286	48	31,442	39,655	3,957	1	8,721	573	4,728	57,635	—26,193
Tipperah	11,619	8,932	17,036	1,037	435	39,059	40,427	4,181	10	10,170	591	5,851	61,230	—22,171
Mozufferpore	3,271	4,438	9,158	1,946	626	20,139	37,915	2,156	20	7,890	973	1,506	50,460	—30,321
Durbhanga	1,865	4,041	7,643	1,602	4,879	20,090	38,369	686	10	9,403	830	3,161	52,459	—32,369
24-Pergunnahs	14,181	15,327	50,855	2,696	221	82,780	91,439	5,047	151	18,209	1,315	17,322	1,33,573	—50,793
Hazareebagh	1,619	2,133	10,491	373	287	14,903	34,674	600	...	4,190	212	8,078	47,754	—32,851
Lohardugga	1,960	3,659	7,366	685	109	13,779	34,630	1,384	240	3,883	344	5,401	45,882	—32,103
Manbhoom	1,811	2,887	7,494	259	129	12,580	25,002	1,307	120	4,093	150	3,315	34,047	—22,067
Singbhoom	174	258	1,224	44	...	1,700	5,475	177	...	1,623	22	163	7,460	—5,760
TOTAL. Courts of Magistrates	87,332	2,31,573	5,35,575	49,315	1,32,451	11,36,246	12,26,168	93,687	6,392	3,37,735	24,041	2,04,777	18,92,809	—7,56,564
TOTAL. Courts of Session	39	4,072	8,860	3,115	201	16,287	3,35,877	3,462	743	30,475	1,635	25,567	3,97,759	—3,81,472
TOTAL	1,87,371	2,35,645	5,44,435	52,430	1,32,652	11,52,533	15,62,045	97,149	7,135	3,68,210	25,676	2,30,344	22,90,559	—11,38,026
CALCUTTA. Presidency Magistrates	...	640	70,802	...	3,902	75,344	33,000	...	...	17,539	...	1,632	52,171	+23,173
CALCUTTA. High Court	...	2,143	...	...	...	2,143	1,00,000	...	...	33,132	...	210	1,33,342	—1,31,199
GRAND TOTAL	1,87,371	2,38,428	6,15,237	52,430	1,36,554	12,30,020	16,95,045	97,149	7,135	4,18,881	25,676	2,32,186	24,76,072	—12,46,052

ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal cases in the Lower Provinces of Be last day of the year, the work done and the receipts and charges of the Criminal Courts in 1883.

Districts.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Divisions).	Total number of officers. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	Magistrates of all grades. Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary Magistrates.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates	By Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases decided on appeal. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates or other empowered.	Total receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total charges of the Criminal Courts.
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Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	1	10	17	3	...	40	27	3,610	...	222	22	191	135	36,034	77,843
Beerbhum	1,756	794,428	1	2	...	1	6	12	2	...	33	10	1,109	...	120	10	48	17	9,865	28,570
Bhagulpore	4,268	1,966,158	1	4	...	1	10	27	5	...	30	108	1,514	...	1,680	16	64	58	22,735	53,609
Monghyr	3,921	1,969,774		3	...		7	51	6	...	30	2	1,675	...	817	12	64	58	20,448	50,475
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	4	...	1	9	114	10	..	31	51	1,789	4	1,735	15	104	33	22,946	57,975
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752		2	...	1	6	21	2	...	32	42	1,268	..	101	5	52	8	11,519	35,799
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	2	...	1	8	20	3	...	26	14	1,629	...	74	11	109	41	22,238	65,018
Cuttack	3,666	1,738,165	1	3	...	1	7	5	1	...	13	4	2,186	...	175	18	92	27	14,833	54,471
Puri	2,473	888,487		2	...		6	7	1	...	12	63	1,884	...	168	3	69	39	12,122	25,015
Balasore	2,066	945,280		2	...		5	9	1	...	24	14	1,079	494	53	16	40	43	10,538	32,216
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	1	11	28	4	...	61	22	3,333	254	690	35	334	147	64,132	73,993
Dinagepore	4,118	1,514,346	1	1	...	1	7	9	2	...	47	29	1,544	...	356	21	30	104	13,336	39,573
Darjeeling	1,166	155,179		3	...		5	7	2	...	6	2	1,197	...	883	3	22	9	14,400	25,534
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	3	...	1	9	23	3	...	35	20	2,884	..	473	16	91	21	36,224	63,221
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	4	..	1	10	37	3	...	62	41	2,215	15	662	22	156	34	19,425	66,906
Hooghly	1,223	1,015,005	1	3	...	2	8	68	10	...	40	13	2,986	...	2,571	12	85	21	37,123	72,188
Howrah	476	635,381		2	...		5	47	2	..	29	89	2,264	...	2,542	6	83	32	28,895	49,547
Jessore	2,925	1,939,375	1	5	...	1	10	66	5	...	60	30	2,735	27	167	23	69	35	28,668	59,767
Khulna	2,077	1,079,948		3	..		7	34	6	...	24	21	1,362	...	492	12	64	47	15,391	28,419